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FORT ST. DAVID CONSULTATIONS
1747

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— *JANUARY 1746–47* —

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SUNDAY THE 4TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Letter to the President and Co. of Bengal drawn out.

Having agreed in our last Consultation of the 29th Ultimo on the Purport of a Letter to the President and Council of Bengall the same was drawn out accordingly but before it was dispatched We had Advice from the Gentlemen at Pullacat of Several Ships appearing in Sight at that Place which made Us defer sending it, in hopes they might be Our Squadron but being advised this morning to our great Concern that they proved to be Four French Ships with a Tender and at Anchor at Madrass Road AGREED that the Foregoing Letter be forwarded forthwith with a few Lines to accompany it of this Date to acquaint them of this News as likewise to intimate that their Treatment to Us in not having yet sent Us a Word of Advice seems to Us in so Extraordinary a Light that We are at a Loss to express our Sentiments in a proper Manner and therefore leave our unhappy Situation which all the World may judge of to speak for itself.

Advice of the Arrival of Four French Ships at Madrass, & a Tender.

Letter to the President & Council of Bengall Sent.

Agreed to send a Letter to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam.

Also AGREED that a Short Letter be wrote to the Chief &c. Council at Vizagapatam to acquaint them of the Arrival of the French Ships and directing them as they will be acquainted with the Motions of his Majestys Squadron better than We to act in regard to the Bales and People We wrote for in such manner as they might judge most for Our Honble. Masters Interest.

Paymaster advanced 500 Pagodas.

Charles Floyer Paymaster requesting an Advance of Five hundred (500) Pagodas for Disbursements Ordered that the Same be paid him.

EDWD. CROKE.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLM. HOLT.
AR: WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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THURSDAY THE 8TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Letter from the President of Bombay received, adviseing, that they have remitted us 40,000 Rups. that they have wrote our Honble. Masters by way of Bussero that the Warwick, Capt. Misenor imported there 19th Novem: that the Severn arrived there from Mocha the 27th November. Letter from Mr. Bourchier adviseing that the Prss: Augusta is ransomed from Angria & gone to Bombay. Advices from Achin that Comm: Griffin in the Prss: Mary with the Pearl, arriv'd there the 28th October & left it 2d Novem: for Bengall Four French Ships arrive at Achin 25th November & leave it 11th December Four French Ships with a Tender arrive at Madrass. The French Ships Names. Mr. De La Bourdonnais gone to the Islands.

The Deputy Governor acquaints the Board that He has received a Letter from the President of Bombay wherein He acknowledges the Receipt of what wrote them advising of the Loss of Madrass and that He has wrote our Board by way of Arcott which is not yet come to hand and that they have directed the Gentlemen at Suratt to remitt Us by Bill on that Place Forty Thousand (40000) Rupees and that Our Indents for Stores &c. shall be complied with as far as they can spare from their Own Garrison but that the Supply cannot reach Us till March or April which We are sensible of. He further advises that they have wrote our Honble. Masters of the Loss of Madrass by way of Bussero the 7th of November, that the Warwick Capt. Misenor imported at Bombay the 19th Novr. that He parted Company with his Majesty's Ships the Princess Mary and Pearl off Madeira when they went in Company with his Ships bound to China and Two to this Coast and Bay which We presume to be the Illchester and Britannia. The Severn arriv'd at Bombay from Mocha the 27th of November. By the Same Conveyance Mr. Bourchier advises that the Princess Augusta is ransomed from Angria and gone to Bombay. At the Same Time We have receiv'd Advices by the Dane Ship from Achim [*sic*] that Commodore Griffin in the Princess Mary in Company with the Pearl arriv'd at that Place the 28th October and left it the 2d November bound for Bengall in Order to join his Majesty's Squadron; Four French Ships under the Command of Monsr. Dordille arrived there the 25th November and sailed the 11th December N.S. which 4 Ships with a Tender to our great Concern and Uneasiness arrived at Madrass the 1st Instant, as We know not what Exploits this Reinforcement may put Our Enemies upon and We have yett no Assistance nor even Advices from Bengall which gives Us the Utmost Concern. The French Ships Names are the Centaur, Mars, Brilliant and St. Louis who report that Monsr. De La Bourdonnais with the Other Ships is gone to the Islands.

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AGREED on the Arrival of these Ships that We take Five hundred (500) Peons more into our Service that the 50 Moratta Horses be augmented to 100 as We found them very usefull in the last Skirmish of the 31st Ulto. and it is now necessary to guard the Sea Coast better.

500 Peons more taken into Service. The 50 Moratta horse encreased to 100.

AGREED further that We make the Nabobs Sons some small Present to the Amount of One Thousand (1000) Rupees Each to keep them in humour under these heavy Disappointments their Presents yett having scarcely exceeded what We must have given had they come only on a Casual Visit.

A Present of 1000 Rups. made the Nabob's Sons.

Lieutenant John Holland arriving here and offering his Service, AGREED that We give him a Commission for his former Station, and that He rank accordingly and the Same to Ensigns Langford and Van Franken.

Lieutt. John Holland arrives here. Agreed to give him a Commission. Ensigns Commissions given to Messrs. Langford and Van Franken.

We have received Advice that three large Packetts coming under the Dutch Address were intercepted at Area Copang in the French Bounds and were carried into Pondicherry on which a Council was summon'd and the Packetts open'd which contained several News Papers and We judge to be our Europe Letters coming from Bengall. Our Intelligence further adds that the Contents did not give much Satisfaction to the French and We have strong Reasons to believe We are obliged to our good Friends the Dutch for this Piece of Service among many others We shall represent to our Honble. Masters in a proper place.

Three large Packets intercepted by the French. Give them no great Satisfaction. Dutch suspected of this Piece of Service.

The Great Concourse of People that are in the Camp and attending it have occasion'd Grain to rise in the Price to a matter of 300 Per Cent, and a great Scarcity even at that Price. AGREED that We order the Duty upon all Sorts of Grain to be suspended for the Present and that the Tom Tom be beat to publish the Same.

Great Scarcity of Grain. Duty on all Sorts of Grain order'd to be suspended.

Having receiv'd Advice that the Tranquebar Ship will sail by the 15th instant, AGREED that as our Situation is very uncertain for want of Advices and Succours that We only write our Honble. Masters a short Letter by her adviseing them We are as yet safe and that We have been so fortunate as to gett the Country Government on our Side who are now protecting Us as well as they can at a vast Expence with 6000 Horse that their uneasiness encreases daily as well as ours that We have no Ships arrived especially as the French have some tho' theirs stay'd with them till the 18th October and Ours left Us in August and have been now going to refitt and Returning from it about 8 Months without any other Service. AGREED as the best Insight We can give our Honble. Masters into our Affairs is our Consultations as they contain a better Journal of them than a Letter can possibly do that We send a Copy of them from the Beginning of September by this Ship and that a Letter be prepared and sent away with them in June and if We are so fortunate to receive any Assistance before this Ship sails that We write another and send after.

Advice that the Tranquebar Ship will sail 15 : Inst : Agreed to write a Short Letter to our honble. Masters. and that We send them a Copy of our Consultations, as the best Insight into our Affairs.

EDWD. CROKE.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
AR : WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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SUNDAY THE 11.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Letter to the Honble. the Court of Directors drawn out and read. Packet made up, and Delivered to the Care of Mr. Hugonin.

Having agreed in our last Consultation of the 8th Instant on the Purport of a Letter to the Honble. the Court of Directors, the same being now drawn out and read ORDER'D that the Packet be immediately made up and as Mr. Hugonin has taken his Passage on the Danes Ship for England AGREED that it be deliver'd to his Care with the Instructions entered hereafter. Also AGREED to write them further if Any Thing material offers before the Departure of that Ship.

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[Gl.] Lre from Bombay.

General Letters read Vizt. Nº. 1 from the President and Council of Bombay, expressing their Concern for the loss of Madrass and advising of forty thousand (40,000) Rupees sent us by Way of Surat and Arcott, also assuring us that they will not fail to comply with our Indents as far as is consistent with the Safety of their own Garrison, as soon as the Season of the Year will admit.

[Lre from] Surat.

Nº. 2 from the Chief &cª. Council at Surat, inclosing a Bill on one Judagee Sunkar at Arcott, for the Forty thousand (40,000) R[ups.] abovementioned.

[John] Gray Carpenter [enter]taind.

John Gray the European Carpenter that was employ'd at Madrass being come hither and desirous of being employed again in the Company's Service. AGREED that He be entertain'd at the same Monthly Pay, as was allowed him there, and that he be immediately set to Work about makeing some new field Carriages, Gins &cº. which are extreamly wanted.

[squadr] on advanc'd.

The Deputy Governour acquaints the board that He paid Mr. William Belsches, Agent for the sick & Wounded of his Majestys Squadron the Sum of two Hundred (200) Pagodas the 8th. Instant.

[Ballance] paid in by Andeapah.

He likewise informs the board that He receiv'd Yesterday of Andeapah, the Sum of one thousand (1000) Pagodas in further part of his Ballance.

EDW: CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

[To] MR. JAMES HUGONIN.

SR.

The two packets for our Honble Masters toget[her] with all the Letters We gave you Yesterday, We desire You will not [send] on board the Danish Ship 'till You go yourself and if You can [get] one to put them under another Cover and direct them in Danes to so[me] Danish Gentleman at Copenhagen, You will do well, which You [may] take off at Pleasure and in Case of an Enemy, give them to some [of] the Officers of the Ship to keep in their Chests for fear of yours being search'd; If You call at St. Helena please to let the Governour there know, You have such Packets & if He thinks proper to open the[m &] take Duplicates, let him provided there is time, but by no Mea[ns] leave them behind You. If You meet with any of our Men of War in [the] Channel or any other part of the Passage bound to England, please put them on board, Or, if You quit the Ship, always take them [with] You, provided You are proceeding on your Voyage, if not recomm[end] them to the British Minister at Copenhagen, Whosever [*sic*] Posses[sion] they are in whilst at Sea, We desire they may always be kept s[et] to a Weight & ready to be

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thrown overboard, rather than fall [into] the French Hands. We wish you a good Voyage and are

SIR
Your most humble servants

FORT ST. DAVID
[1]2TH. JANUARY 1747.

JOHN HINDE.
EDWARD CROKE.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.

A Sloop from the Northward pass'd by to the Southward. 20TH.

A Dutch Ship calld the John Elizabeth from Pondicherri, pass'd by this Road and Anchor'd at Porto Novo.

A Sloop from the Southward, passed by to the Northward. 21ST.

AT A CONSULTATION SATURDAY THE 24TH.

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

General Letters read Vizt. No. 3 from the Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam advising that the President & Council of Bengall had sent the Ship Kent to their Place for their's and the Ingeram Bales, which they had accordingly complied with, and that they had taken the Opportunity to send the People We wrote for by that Ship to Bengall in Order to be sent us from thence. [Genl. Lre from Vizagapatam.

No. 4 from Mr. Thomas Saunders at Ingeram advising of one Hundred and twelve (112) Bales sent to Vizagapatam to be forwarded to Bengall by the Kent. [fr]om Ingeram.

No. 3 To the Chief and Council at Tellicherry adviseing of the Arrival of five French Ships in Pondicherry Road As likewise of the Arrival of one of their Sloops from Bengall by which they were well acquainted with the Motions of our Squadron, and g[iv]ing them the best Intelligence, We could learn of them. Also desiring them to contract with any returning Vessells to take Rice on Freight on our Hoñble Master's Account for the Use of this Settlement, Grain of all kinds being very scarce with us, and likewise to supply us with some Europe Sieves for makeing Gun Powder. [To] Tellicherry. & [. . .]

No. 4 to the President & Council of [Bombay] acknowledgeing the receipt of forty thousand (40,000) Rupees received by their Order from Arcott, and giveing them an Account of the present Situation of Affairs with us. And requesting them to supply us with [all] kind of Stores, particularly Implements for makeing Powder as likew[ise] for the Mint and whatever else might occur to them.

The Deputy Governour represents to the board that He has receiv'd a Letter from the old Nabob Anaverdy Cawn, imp[ar]ting his Expectation of some allowance from the Company towards defraying the great Expence He is at in the two Armies commanded [by] his two Sons that now lye at our Bound Hedge, as He says, purely for the Defence of this Settlement, He likewise sets forth that He [has] receiv'd continual Messages or rather Demands on the same Account from Mohofoz Cawn & Mahomed Ally Cawn his Sons, wi[th] whom He has had an Interview and long discourse on the Subject and upon the whole He represents to the Board that is is [*sic*] impo[ssi]ble to put them off longer without paying them something m[ore] than the small presents they have Yet had, and that a farther [de]lay may be attended with the Utmost ill Consequence to our Hoñ[ble] Masters Affairs, as We have yet receiv'd no certain Advices nor indeed any at all from our Letter from Nabob Anaverdy Cawn.

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Friends, when We may expect to be [Suc]coured and the Deputy Governour haveing represented to them in the strongest Terms, that it is not in our Power to advance any of the large Sums they so often talk off as Lacks of Pagodas [&] the like. And that under the unhappy Cloud our Master's Affairs at present are on this Coast, haveing lost our head Settlement w[ith] all the Money & valuable Effects, As likewise that this is a little Place depriv'd of all it's ancient & natural Support, and prov[ided] with nothing but for its defence, And as these are also Times in which all Credit and Commerce is at a Stand; The most We have in our Power is a small Present to convince them of our Gratitude for their Assistance & as a Mark of our dutiful & Respectful Behaviour towards them & to assure them that our Honble Masters will not be ungrateful when they shall receive any Solid & Material Marks of their protection & friendly Assistance. Upon the Whole the Deputy Governour is advis'd by the Officers of the Durbar that in consideration of our present posture of Affairs for the sum of about six thousand (6000) Pagodas they may be made easy for some Days by which time We hope our Ships & Supplys will' arrive; In Consideration of all Which and that the Sum is but inconsiderable in comparison of any Risque of disobliging them, and thereby giving our most Industrious Enemies any Handle against us. Agreed that the above Sum of six thousand (6000) Pagodas or thereabouts be given in Rupp^{s}. and that all proper Methods be taken to keep them in a good disposition towards us.

Present made him.

The Houses in Tevenepatam that were within 400 Yards of the Fort haveing been pull'd down in Consequence of an Order of Consultation of the 17th. November; The Inhabitants of whom haveing been very importunate to the Deputy Governour in regard to their sufferings on that Occasion, The same is now taken into Consideration, And as it appears they have been all contrary to the establish'd Rules given to be observed at the beginning of this Settlement, It is generally AGREED that they have no pretentions to any Restitution being made them for any Houses within that distance, but as our Military Officers still represent it to be very requisite for the Security of the Fort to level the Ground yet farther, In Case We may find it necessary to come to a Resolution of so doing. It is thought reasonable and hereby AGREED to allow the Owners of such Houses a proportionable recompence for the same.

[In]habitants of [Tev]enepatam to be [re-]compenc'd for [the]ir Houses.

Storekeepr. advanc'd.

The Storekeeper desiring to be advanc'd thr[ee] Hundred (300) Pagodas for Disbursements, He was paid the same the 19th. Instant.

EDW: CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
W. HOLT.
A^{R}: WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr*.

25TH. A Brigantine passd to the Northward & afterwards stood to the South[ward].

28TH. Five French ships & a Sloop sail'd out of Pondicherry and stood to y^{e}. Southw[ard].

AT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY, THE 31ST.

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQ^{R}. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Wareh^{o}.k^{r}. Acc^{t}. read.

Edward Croke Warehousekeeper reads his Account for last Month, Ballance due from Him Fourteen Pagoda[s] seventeen Fanams & four Cash (14 17. 4) which He carries forward.

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The Accomptant produces the Journal Parc[els] to the Month of November. Journal Parcels produc'd.

Charles Floyer Paymaster reads his Acc[ount] for last Month, Ballance due to him Six Hundred, Forty two Pagod[as] nineteen Fanams & sixty two Cash (642. 19. 62) which He carr[ies] forward, And the Particulars of [the] extraordinary Expence is ent[ered] for to defray Charges Garrison & Buildings, the same is now paid him. [Paymaste]r's Acc^{t}. read.

William Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from Him three Hundred, fifty three Pagodas, twenty seven Fanams & seventy Cash (353. 27. 70) in part of which He now pays in, three Hundred, eight Pagodas, Twenty seven Fanams & seventy Cash (308. 27. 70) and the Remains He carries forward. Cudd^{r}. Sea Cust^{r}. Acc^{t}. read.

William Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that account for last Month, Ballance due from Him two Hundred, seventy five Pagodas, Thirty five Fanams & four Cash (275. 35. 4). In part of wh[ich] He now pays in two Hundred sixty seven Pagodas, thirty five Fanams and four Cash (267. 35. 4) The Rest He carries forward. [Cudd^{r}.] Land Cust^{r}. Acc^{t}. read.

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper reads his Account for last Month, The Ballance due to him being sixty Pagodas, twenty six Fanams and fifty six Cash (60. 26. 56) which He carried forward & He requesting to be advanc'd three hundred (300) Pagodas for Disbursements on the running Month, The same is now paid him. [Store]k^{r}. Account [rea]d.

Thomas Cooke *Jun^{r}*, Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads his Account for last Month, Ballance due from Him, Two Pagodas, ten Fanams & sixteen Cash (2. 10. 16) which He pays in. [Landcus]t^{r}. Acc^{t}. [re]ad.

The Ditch round the Fort being only fifty (50) foot [*sic*] broad (the first design being sixty but was cut off to save Expence) which is thought considerably too narrow; AGREED that We widen it fifty (50) more & make it compleat one Hundred (100) foot round, Which will be a great Addition to the Strengthning the Fort, but as our Bastions are very irregular a Halfmoon of one hundred & thirty five (135) Foot in face is thought very necessary to the Northward as by a Plan now produced. AGREED that this Work be set about immediately. And the Paym[as]ter is ordered to make an Estimate of the Expence of it as soon as poss[ible]. [Dito]h round the [fort] to be widen'd. & [ha]lf moon to be [set] to the Northw^{d}.

The River being so near the Ditch to the Westw[ard] as will not allow of Fifty (50) Foot to be taken into it without being tu[rned] ORDERED that the same be done Forthwith so far as to have Ro[und] another Ravelin to the Westward which is thought very nece[ssary] for the Security of the Fort. [Riv]er to be turn'd.

ORDERED that the [. . .] proper place to build a Horse Stable in Tevenapatam but not to be wi[thin] eight Hundred (800) Yards of the Fort, and that He set about it imme[di]ately there being no place near at Hand for the Company's Horses and o[ur] own, And We have now frequent Occasion to make Use of them at a s[hort] Warning. ORDERED that He make Use of such of the Materials of the [Go]downs pulled down at the Backgate, as will serve in this Work. Horse Stable Orderd to be built.

The Storekeeper reports that there are some of [the] old Gun Carriages that the Wood Work is entirely decayed which He desir[es] leave to break up for the Iron which is extreamly wanted, for the new ones that are now making. Agreed that He do act accordingly with them [give]ing the Company Credit for the Iron. And as there is about forty 4[0 Candies] offer'd for sale at Tranquebar at eleven (11) Pagodas p^{r}. Candy, ORD[ERED] that He purchase the same. Storekeeper reports concerning Gun Carriages.

The Beetle and Tobacco Farms as likewise [the] Arrack Farm being expired the 31st. October last and no one haveing yet offered to encrease the Rent of either of them, And as it is not to be [expec]ted any one will at these Troublesome times, AGREED as Irshapah Chitty & Persham Chitty are willing to take the former, and Coo[tah] the latter on the same Terms as before, that new Cowles be dr[awn] of the same Tenour & given them. Beetle & Tobacco Farm rented by Irshapa Chitty & Persham Chitty & the Arrack Farmby Cootah

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New Cowle for the Weighs. & measurs. Duties drawn out & deld. to the former Renter.

The Weighing & measuring Duties also e[nd on] the 30th. October, AGREED that a new Cowle be drawn out in the name of Ramia [h] of the same [Tenour] as the former & delivered him.

Mr. Holt presents the board with a Paper.

Mr. Holt thinks proper to present the boa[rd] with a Paper representing the Profit which arises to our Hoñble [Mas]ters by the Exchange of Pagodas into Fanams, and desireing the sa[me] may be brought to account in the Cash Book, which haveing [been] the constant Practice as appears by several Entries; He is advis'd [not to] expose himself by interfereing with a Thing He proves to be unac[quain]ted with, as it will only serve to make him appear ridiculous [to] his Employers, But He obstinately insisting that Notice be take[n] of the same, ORDERED that his Paper be entered hereafter, a[nd] that He explain himself on this Subject if He can.

The Deputy Governour reads the Cas[h] Account for this Month, ballance due therefrom Two thousand, three Hu[ndred] and twelve Pagodas, seven fanams & thirty three Cash (2312. 7. 33) which is carried forward.

[Lr]e to Bengall.

AGREED that a General Letter be drawn out & sent to the President & Council of Bengall to advise them that the five French Ships mention'd to be arriv'd at Pondicherry in our last, left that place the 28th. Past bound seemingly to the Southward. That We were sorry his Majesty's Squadron did not appear before they went, as they might have stopp'd a great many Bales & Valuable Effects, put on board them, as likewise have prevented their Doing any mischief in other Parts of India. And that We think it cannot now be long before some Ships come to us to take away our Bales & to relieve the Garrison which could not have subsisted had not the President & Council of Bombay supplyed us with forty thousand (40,000) Rupees.

EDW: CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

COPY OF THE PAPER DELIVERED IN BY MR. HOLT ADDRESS'D TO THE SECRETARY.

I desire You will mention upon Consultation of this Day, that I require in behalf of the Hoñble Company whose Servants We are, that whatever Money of the Hoñble Company's that is or ought to be paid aw[ay] in Fanams to the Military, or that for any other Use is disburs'd for their Service, be for the future accounted for to the Hoñble Company at thirty six (36) Fanams to the Pagoda, and that the Batty which is gain'd by the Exchange of Pagodas for fanams, be allways brought to account in the Cash Book.

My Reason for this request is that the Profit arising to [Com]pany in every ten (10) Pagodas worth of Fanams so paid away wi[ll be] thirty two (32) Fanams.

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EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES IN THE PAYMASTERS ACCOUNT ARE IN THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS — DECEMBER THE 31ST 1746.

CHARGES GARRISON				
Persons occasionally enter'd in the Military and Gun Room Crew	P. 340	9	46
HOSPITAL CHARGES				
Cloths for the Sick Men	155	10	50
PEONS and SERVANTS WAGES				
Peons and Horsemen occasionally enter'd	388	17	54
Carried over ..	884	1	70

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Brought over							P	884	1	70
CHARGES GENERAL, Given to 2 Europeans for Baptizing their Children P. 2				2	—	—				
Dammars and other small Charges. ..				2	19	20				
								4	19	20
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY										
Paid 9 Madrass Peons their Pay and Batty				10	25	—				
Batty to Peons at St. Thomas's Mount P. 1. 28				1	28	—				
Do. to the Ircaras, Chobdars, Peons, Horsemen &c. from the Nabobs Son Mahomed Ally Cawn ..	24	6	10							
Provisions given to him on his vizit to the Governor	94	1	26							
Fruits and Beetle Nutt sent to his Camp	1	26	6							
Cooleys carrying Broad Cloth, Ammunition &c. to the Camp ..	1	12	—							
Batty to 6 Quarter Gunners at the Camp for 26 Days	10	12	36							
Do. to Vakeel, Peons, Palankeen Boys going to Mahomed Ally Cawn	4	28	54							
Do. to the Chobdars from the Nabob, attending at the Hedge of the Bounds, Garden, Cuddalore &c.	20	11	—							
				156	25	52				
Batty given to the Peons on the Engagement	53	26	—							
Beetle Nut Tobacco &ca.	1	21	32							
Cooleys carrying Ammunition to the Peons	6	24	40							
				61	35	72				
Batty to the Lascars and Chickledars carrying Guns &ca. ..				1	9	54				
Given to the Ircaras for bringing News of the Engagement ..				4	3	—				
Given to the Peons and Cooleys bringing Granado Shells left by the French				7	35	40				
Cooleys bringing in the Wounded Peons		1	4	—						
Batty to the Wounded People		20	19	40						
Paid the Black Doctors for Cloth and Country Phisick		2	10	—						
Do. Mr. Belsches for Cloth for Bandages &c. for the Use of the Wounded Peons .. .. P.	6	—								
Mr. Pigott for his Assistance	10	—	—							
Cooleys attending them..	2	24	—							
		18	24	—						
1 Black Doctors Pay for ½ Month		1	—	—						
				43	21	40				
Batty to Peons carrying Letters to Ingeram	P.	4	5	20						
Carried over				288	4	18		888	21	10

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	Brought over	P.	4	5	20	288	4	18	888	21	10
	Do. to the Peons from Vizagapatam, Anjengo, Chell : &c.			5	30	40					
						10	—	— [*sic*]			
	Do. to the Peons and Macquars attending the Pondicherry Spy and Tappies				..	*16*	*14*	—			
	Do. to the Peons & Porto Novo Tappies				..	3	10	—			
	Do. to Peons going to Carecal, Tranquebar, Negapatam &ca.				..	7	19	—			
	Paid 2 Cattamarans going to Pullacat and Negapatam				..	6	—	—			
1	Cattamaran carrying a Note to Europe Ship P. 1 Chillinga hire f. 22				..	1	22	—			
85	Do. attending in the Sea at night P. 4. 26 Boats f. 8. ..				..	4	34	—			
194	Macquars attending the Seaside at night			2	25	—					
593	Do. attending in the Fort at night			8	8	40					
266	Chillinga Fellows attending at the Beach Gate. ..			4	24	—					
317	Bricklayers attending in the Fort at night f. 3 22.										
175	Carpenters f. 193. 40 ; 113 Smiths f. 104 ; 96 Hamm :39. 16 ; 97 Bellows Boys f. 20 ; 369 Cooleys f. 168. 4 ..			23	18	60					
						39	4	20			
	Paid Mr. Charles Nicholls for Residing at Porto Novo	P.	15	—	—						
	Do. his Note for Chelinga hire, Cattamarans, Peons, &ca.			13	21	—					
						28	21	—			
	Paid 4 Mates of the Princess Mary. Thomas Kelham, John Furman, James Oglevy, John Walling @ P. 12 each				..	48	—	—			
	Paid Mr. John Pybus Monthly Writer				..	10	—	—			
	Gratuity to 7 Europeans for relisting three Years more in the military Service, Wm. Ballenger, John Meyars, James Worrill, Jon. Haugh, Thomas Buck, William Averry, Joshua Lee @ P. 5 each				..	35	—	—			
	Paid Hospital House Rent. ..		5	—	—						
	Do. to the Doctors Mate for carrying the Sick from the Hospital		5	—	—						
						10	—	—			
	Carried over ..					508	20	38	888	21	10

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		Brought over.			508	20	38	888	21	10
Paid for House Rent to 5 Ensigns @ P. 2 ea. ..	..		..		10	—	—			
Do. to the Revd. Mr. Fordyce for his Pallankeen Boys	..		..		4	24	—			
Do. to Vencatachlam Naike for his House Charges	..		..		2	—	—			
Paid the Stewards Note for feasting the Military and Gunroom as usual on New Years Day ..	..	50	7	54						
Given to the Governors Servants Juhcaneers &c. as usual at Christmas Salampores 18 ps. P. 13 Lascars 3 9 Packers P. 1 Moochys f. 24 Devety Fellows f. 12 Jolchys f. 18 Trevendepuram Fakeer P. 6 Dancing Girls and Musick P. 3 Juncaneers of Aveshevacum & Bomeapolam Turbetts Sarge &c. P. 4. 23	..	32	14	—						
					82	21	54			
Batty to the Prisoners in the Choultry ..	..		...		—	32	—			
Pension to Austapah Chitty P. 2. 18 Maullim P. 3 Vakeel Coopia P. 5.	..		...		10	18	—			
Sent to Mr. Cornelius Goodwin at St. Thomas Mount for Travelling Charges and Encouragement to the Military and Gun Room Crew &ca. to come to this Place ..	...	100	—	—						
Sent to Mr. Robt. Sloper at Pullacat on the same Account ..	..	100	—	—						
					200	—	—			
								819	8	12
FORTIFICATIONS and REPAIRS—										
Seconds Lodgeings making Doors and Frames.	..	13	15	54						
Arch'd Godowns making and fixing Racks for the Arms	..	7	16	15						
Gunroom laying a Pavement to a Viranda, mending Windows and Frames and a Cover of Plank for the Channel &c.	..	13	27	75						
Fort Water Courses mending them.	..	4	16	7						
					39	3	71			
Cook Roommending Fogans and making some Iron necessaries.		..			5	24	20			
Carried over ..					44	28	11	1707	29	22

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	Brought over ..	48	35	11	1707	29	22
North Curtain Godowns cleaning and mending the Pavement Window Shutters		4	7	—			
Bringing Sand for Chunam &ca. ..			9	—			
Making Gabions and setting them on the Bastions		15	7	30			
Making 2 new Tables		15	18	30			
Fitting Handles to Mamodys		3	30	44			
Making 12 Cotts for the Wounded Peons		13	15	79			
Making 6 Dooleys		4	35	26			
Making a Small Cott and 4 Ratan Bandijas for the Nabob		4	32	21			
Making Hatchets and Knives, Handles &c.		13	10	36			
Setting Palmeras from the Mud Point in the River		11	19	26			
Barrs Mouth, Digging it, Setting Stakes &c.		53	32	57			
Cutting Trees in the Colloway Washing Town &c.		57	1	5			
Breaking down Houses at Tevenapatam		56	27	30			
Patcheree Point mending Platforms and Gun Ports		4	21	48			
Mud Wall near Tevenapatam Gate		4	14	8			
Taking away Foundations from the Hospital		3	14	54			
Garden, Rattaning Windows mending Locks and Keys Dung Carts		9	23	76			
New Plantation Paid Gardiners and Cooleys		6	27	—			
Raising Mud Walls round the Peons Mettows mending Sheds. ..		16	8	34			
Horse Tail Point mending Flagg Staff Gun Ports and Platforms. ..		13	2	3			
Chemundullum Guard mending Platforms and Gun-ports		7	17	62			
Cooleys assisting the Lascars carrying Guns to the Out Guards		4	24	—			
Middle Point Guard Rooms fitting them for the Powder House and making a new Powder Mill &ca.		349	31	7			
Nabobs Camp near the Hedge of the Bounds building a Bangalloa raising Mudd Walls round the Camp making Gun Carriages &c.		55	18	45			
Charity School in Cuddalore mending Pavement rais ing Pillows and Walls Shifting Tiles to the Godowns Cook-room		17	35	73			
One Overseer to the Cooleys P. 2. 1 Conicoply counting them P. 1		3	—	—			
					805	5	5 [*sic.*]
	Pagodas ..				2512	34	27 [*sic.*]

The United Company's Cash.

Dr. 1746/7					Cr. 1746/7				
Janry. 10	To Andeapah received of Him in part of his Ballance		1000	— —	Janry. 1	By last Months Ballance		581	33 2
	To Profitt and Loss gained by the Exchange of 500 Pagodas into Fanams at 38 f. 20 c. per Pagoda..		31	9 —		By Charles Floyer Paymaster advanced him for Disbursements			
22	To Account Current Bombay received of Tarwadde at Arcott Rupees 40000 at 347 Per % Pagodas		11527	13 70		In Pags. 300 — —			
	To Profitt and Loss gained by Exchangeing 15710 Rupees at 340 Per % Pagodas ..		93	7 70		In Fans. 200 — —		500	— —
31	To William Holt Sea Customer of Cudalore Received of Him for part of his last Months Ballance In Pags. 285 — —				8	By William Belsches Agent for the Sick and Wounded paid him by Order of Capt. Edward Peyton		200	— —
	In Fans. 23 27 70		308	27 70	19	By Alexander Wynch Storekeeper advanced him for Disbursements		300	— —
	To William Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore Received of Him in part of his last Months Ballance In Pags. 231 — —				22	By Profitt and Loss paid the following Charges on Rups. 40000 Received from Bombay Vizt.			
	In Fans. 36 35 4		267	35 4		Interest for 19 Days at Rups. 10 Per Day ..	190		
	To Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam received of him in full of his last month's Ballance In fans.		2	10 16		Pattamars Batty at ¼ R. Per Day for 28 Days	7		
	To Profitt and Loss gained on 1877 Pagodas changed into Rupees @ 350 Per % Pagodas and paid away @ 340 Per Do.		55	8 5			197 @ 340 Per % P.	57	33 60
			13286	3 75	24	By Account Presents given to Mahofoz Cawn and Mahomed Ally Cawn 20000 Rups. at 350 Per % Pagodas		5714	11 20
	To Balance carried forward		2456	11 7		By Account Presents given the Nabobs Duan 300 Rups. @ 340 Per % Pags. ..		88	9 —
					31	By Charles Floyer Paymaster advanced him to defray Charges Garrison and Buildings			
						In Pags. 7600 — —			
						In Fans. 400 — —		8000	— —
						By Alexander Wynch Storekeeper advanced him for Disbursements		300	— —
	Pagodas		15742	15 2		Pagodas		15742	15 2

Errors Excepted

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1 A Brigantine from Pondicherry pass'd by the Southward.
A Sloop from the Southward anchored in Pondicherry Road.
3 A Dutch Sloop from Pondicherry anchored in this Road.
4 A French Sloop from the Southward anchored in Pondicherry Road.
9 A Dutch Sloop from Porto Novo pass'd to the Northward.
11 A Country Boat arriv'd from Ganjam, with Company's Bales.
12 A French Sloop from the Southward anchored in Pondicherry Road.

SATURDAY THE 14

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Genl. Letter from Maddipollam.

General Letter read Vizt. No. 6 from Mr. Samuel Banks of Maddipollam, requesting Our Orders relating to that and the Mazlipatam Factory, and Adviseing of a few Bales He has recovered from the Merchants on Account of their Ballances. He also informs that the Nabob had sent a Dalhoit to remind him of the Annual Present which He should defer sending till He received our Directions thereon.

Genl. Letter from Ganjam.

No. 7 from Mr. John Andrews at Ganjam adviseing of Eighty Two Bales with some Gunnys and Ropes as Per Invoice sent agreable to our Orders by a Country Boat, and that He has engaged what Vessels are remaining at that Place to come hither with Grain on promise of our Favour.

Genl. Letter from Ingeram.

No. 9 from Mr. Thomas Saunders at Ingeram Adviseing of Five hundred, and Forty (540) Bales sent to this Place Per Ship Success, and One hundred and Twelve (112) by Sloop Fortune and that the Remainder with him being about One hundred and forty He will forward by a Country Vessel, And requesting as He has had no Remittance for some Time, that We will order Mr. Prince to supply him with what Cash may be necessary for the Support of that Factory: Also that He will do his utmost in encourageing an Importation of Grain to this Place.

Genl. Letter to Tellicherry.

No. 10 from the Chief and Council at Tellicherry adviseing of the Receipt of Our Orders to Capt. Somner which They had accordingly sent to Anjengo in order to be forwarded to him at Galle, and that they shall not fail to advise Us of the Arrival of any Shipping on that Coast, and what other material Occurrences that may happen.

Genl. Letters to Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Maddepollam.

No. 7, 8, 9 to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam, to Mr. Thomas Saunders at Ingeram, and to Mr. Samuel Banks at Maddapollam the Contents of all which are to inform them of the Departure of the French Ships and that they might send up their Bales with Safety, and directing Mr. Banks to contract the Expences of that Factory, till We had Leisure to overlook them, and that We could by no means allow of any Present to the Government at a Place where no Business was carried on for our Masters Also directing him to go immediately to Masulipatam and demand of Coja Mirza to the Amount of about Five thousand (5000) Pagodas in Chay Goods to have been provided by Him for the Company according to his Contract, and to lett Us know the Reason why He has not already sent them conformable to an Order of Mr. Hinde now some time Since.

The Nabob's Armies decamp. A Present Mdee him.

The Deputy Governor represents to the Board that notwithstanding the several Methods that have been used to amuse the Nabobs and to endeavour if possible to keep them in humour so as to detain their Armies with Us, yett to our

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great Misfortune, the long Delay of our Ships, and the frequent Proposals they daily receive from the French, have at length brought them over to accomodate Matters with them, under Pretence of having been at the Expence of 5 Lack of Rupees in our Defense. In Consequence of which unhappy Circumstance both their Armies are now beginning to decamp. The Deputy Governour having been apprized of their design sent a Vakeel to them with a small Present of Twelve hundred and Fifty (1250) Rupees, and to offer them Two Thousand (2000) Rupees Per Day, if they would stay only Ten Days longer, in hopes that Our Ships might appear in that Time; But the French promising them the whole 5 Lack as above, they have resolved to leave Us in spite of all Arguments to the Contrary, and had We even engaged for that Sum (which was impossible) the French would still have bid more, having this Advantage, that if they do not perform what they promise they can be but upon the same bad Terms they already were with the Government, whereas had We acted in that manner We must have made them our Enemies instead of being as they say our Friends, though they will not go such Lengths as We would have them. Upon the whole We have nothing in Our Power but to lett them act as they think proper and secure from them as much Protection as We can. Accordingly they have promised that the French shall not molest Us, and in Case they should, they will come again to our Assistance, but not to depend entirely upon them. Agreed that We muster all our Force and put them in the best manner We can to defend Ourselves, in case they should fail in their promise; which tho' very precarious is the best We can procure for the Interest of Our Masters or Ourselves in our present unhappy Circumstances; Not having yet received a Line of Advise or any Promise of Succours from Bengall which We so much depended on, though We hear of their Shipping being sent to all Parts of India but this Coast and the French have had Advices four Times by Sea from Chardenagore [*sic*], and boast that they know all the Gentlemen's designs in Calcutta; One of which they pretend to assure Us is that We shall have no Ships to take in Our Goods for Europe tho' We have above Two Thousand One hundred (2100) Bales, and no room to keep them, nor in a Capacity to defend them.

Mr. Sidney Foxall Assay Master arrived here the 7th Instant, AGREED that He be entertained at the same monthly Pay and Allowances as He Received at Fort St. George.

Mr. Sidney Foxall, Assay Master, entertain'd here

He representing the Want of Conveniencies for coining both Gold and Silver, He proposes the Gold Mint to be in the Factory House at Cuddalore but there being no Room in that Compound for coining Rupees, He represents a House at a small Distance from the Factory that has a large Spott of vacant Ground about it to be fitt for that Purpose, Agreed that it be purchased, and the Paymaster is order'd to make what Additions to it as likewise to the Factory House as Mr. Foxall thinks necessary, and that the Charges of getting the Mint necessaries out of Madrass and bringing them down be paid him.

represents the want of Materials.

Messrs. William Smyth King and Edmund Maskelyne Writers from Fort St. George requesting to be continued in the Company's Service, as there is great Want of Assistants Agreed that they be entertained on the same Terms as was Mr. John Pybus and ORDERED that they be employed under the Secretary.

Writers entertain'd.

John Smith Steward delivers in his Account of the Expences of the General Table to the 31st Ultimo, Amounting to Two hundred and Sixty Eight Pagodas, Thirty Four Fanams and Forty Cash (268. 34. 40) which is order'd to be paid and his Account to be entered hereafter.

Steward delivers in an Acct. of the Expences of the Genl. Table.

Mr. Cornelius Goodwin offering to pay into Our Cash the Sum of Three Thousand (3000) Pagodas for a bill of Exchange on the President and Councill of Bengall; AGREED to receive the same and that the Bills be accordingly drawn out and delivered him in favour of Messrs. Fytche and Burrows.

Money paid into Cash by Mr. Cornelius Goodwin.

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Boat from Ganjam with Bales arrives.

The Boat consigned to Us by Mr. Andrews at Ganjam arriveing here the 11th Instant and bringing Us Eighty Two Bales of Brown Cloth which being safely landed, Ordered that they be sent to the Wash and resorted with all Expedition.

EDW: CROKE.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}*.

AN ACCOUNT CHARGES DIETING THE GENTLEMEN AT THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S GARDENS FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

	November				December				January			
Rice	1	4	—		2	8	—		2	9	—	
Bread	6	1	—		13	27	—		13	34	—	
Butter	2	2	—		4	11	—		4	27	—	
Braminy Do. ..	1	34	—		3	32	—		4	—	—	
Mutton	2	—	—		5	6	—		5	6	—	
Ducks	1	12	—		3	3	—		3	—	—	
Hoggs and Pigs.	2	24	—		4	—	—		4	18	—	
Capons and Fowls.	4	1	—		6	22	—		6	27	—	
Wild Fowl ..	—	25	—		1	18	—		1	16	—	
Fish	1	4	—		1	24	—		1	26	—	
Limes and Lemons.	1	34	—		4	9	—		4	27	—	
Nutmegs Mace &c.	—	13	—		—	27	—		—	27	—	
Eggs	—	15	—		1	26	—		1	27	—	
Kid	—	6	—		—	18	—		—	6	—	
Flower	—	16	—		1	18	—		3	—	—	
Milk	—	5	—		—	9	—		—	12	—	
Vinegar.. ..	—	4	—		—	15	—		—	10	—	
Soy	—	12	—		—	12	—		—	12	—	
Sugar	1	19	—		3	18	—		4	—	—	
Wine 60 Bottles.	10	—	—	93 Bottles	15	18	—	73 Bottles	12	18	—	
Arrack 9½ Galls.	4	27	—	27½ Galls :	13	27	—	28¼ Galls :	14	4	40	
Candles.. ..	1	8	—		2	—	—		2	—	—	
Firewood ..	2	8	—		4	15	—		4	18	—	
Servants Wages.	4	9	—		7	7	—		7	7	—	
Charges Extraordinary Table Linnen &c.	6	18	—			..		Towells for the Cook Room.	—	24	—	
Bowls, Muggs, Plates &ca.	5	16	—			..				..		
Pags.	62	29	—	Pags.	102	10	—	Pags.	103	31	40	

FORT ST. DAVID
31ST JANUARY 1746/7.

ERRORS EXCEPTED
PER JOHN SMITH.

Madras Record Office Vol. 15.

17TH. Ship Success Cap^{t}. Herriot from Ingeram & Vizagapatam anchor'd in this Road [with] Company's Bales.

Two Boats from Vizagapatam & Ingeram anchor'd in the Road, One of which with Company's Bales.

18TH. A Sloop from the Northward pass'd by & anchor'd in Porto novo Road.

22D. A Ganjam Boat saild out of the Road to y^{e}. Northward.

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AT A CONSULTATION SATURDAY 21ST.

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

[Letter]s from Ing[eram]. General Letters read Vizt. No. 11, 14, 15 all [from] Ingeram accompanying the Bales sent us by Ship Success & incloseing In[voyce] & Bill of ladeing or Sundry Goods laden on boat Streenarsoatacheloo & consign'd to us.

[Vi]zagapatam. No. 12, & 13 from the chief & Council at Vizaga[pa]tam, adviseing that the Lively Man of War imported there the 2d. Ultimo in order to convoy the Kent back to Bengall & that they had taken the Opportunity to send with Her a Sloop with one hundred & twelve (112) Bales of Cloth from Inge[ram] & that they were inform'd by the Lively that it was thought the Squadron would n[ot] be ready to sail from Bengall 'till the middle of January; Also encloseing Invo[yce] & Bills of Lading for the Bales shipp'd on the Success by Mr. Thos. Saunders at Ingeram.

[Fro]m Tellicherry. No. 10 to the Chief & Council at Tellicherry, informing them of the unhappy Situation We were again reduc'd to by the Departure of the Moors, & by the long Delay of our Ships with the several Circumstances as mention'd in our former Consultation, & desireing them to send hither the Timber & Plank Mr. Morse had order'd to be provided on our Honble Master's Account.

Ship Princess Amelia taken. The Deputy Governour acquaints the board, that He receiv'd Advices yesterday of the unfortunate Capture of th[e Prin]cess Amelia Who fell into the Hands of the French by going in[to Ma]drass Road the 16th. Instant & that they had likewise decoyed the Capt [ain to] deliver them the Packet in which it is said were orders of Con[...] from the secret Committee; AGREED that a general Letter be [immedi]ately dispatch'd to the President & Council of Bombay to advise [them of] this unlucky Accident in Order that it may arrive in time to [bring] our Honble Masters by their returning Ships & to request them [in an] urgent Manner to supply us with three Hundred (300) Europeans [as] We think it impossible to defend this Settlement.

Genl. Lre to Bombay.

[Sup]plies Agreed to be sent [to] Bencoolen. It being taken into Consideration that our [Hon]ble Master's Settlement at Bencoolen may be reduc'd to grea[t cala]mity for want of the usual Supplies from this Coast, as none ha[s] been sent them for a long time AGREED that We freight Ship [Success] for that Purpose, the Owners haveing tender'd her to our Use 'till [the] Month of September for two thousand (2000) Pagodas which is very reasonable And as the Season is yet early enough to adm[it] going to Vizagapatam AGREED that She be first [sent] thither [with a loa]ding of Grain & on her Return that She be immediately dis[patched] to the West Coast with the several Supplys that are wanting [at that] Place, and that the Terms She is freighted on be entered after thi[s Consul]tation.

Present made to Vencatachlam. VENCATACHLAM the commanding Of[ficer of] the black Military haveing behav'd very commendably on se[veral] Occasions against the French; In Consideration thereof, AGRE[ED] that a Present be made him of six hundred (600) Rupees to buy a horse that it may encourage him to act in like manner hereafter.

[Ware house]kr. pays Mo[ney] [into] Cash. The Deputy Governour acquaints the board that Mr. Edward Croke Warehousekeeper paid into Cash the Sum of five hundred (500), Pagodas the 18th. Instant in part of his Ballance.

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Paymaster advancd.

The Paymaster requesting to be advanc'd three thou[sand] (3000) Pagodas for Account of the new Peons AGREED that the same be now paid him.

EDW: CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

TERMS OF THE FREIGHT OF SHIP SUCCESS AGREED ON BY JOHN HINDE ESQR. AND JOHN HALIBURTON ATTORNEYS FOR THE OWNERS OF SAID SHIP.

The Company to have the Use of the Ship Success 'till the close of the Southerly Monsoon some time in September next for the Sum of two thousand (2000) Current Pagodas out of which 100 Pagodas to be advanc'd [to the] Owners Monthly towards the Expences during the time of the Contract, & in Case she should not return so as to be delivered to Mr. Saunders's Order here on or [before] the last of Septr. next, then Demurrage of one hundred & fifty (150) Pagodas to be allowed the Owners monthly during the Space of six Months longer. The Owners of the said Ship Success to be at the Expences of Wages, Wear & tea[r] and the Risque of her upon their Account.

22ND. A Brigantine from the Southward anchor'd in Pondicherry Road. The Company's Ship Britannia from Europe, & last from Galle anchor'd this Road.

SUNDAY THE 22D. AT 4 P.M.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Ship Britannia arrives.

Last Night a Ship appear'd in the Offin to [us] We sent off boats & Cattemarans, & kept out Lights all Night but could [not] discover 'till this Morning who she was, when to our great Satisfact[ion] prov'd to be the Britannia from Galle, She came to an Anchor in [at] about three in the Afternoon, Orders were sent the Commander as en[tered] hereafter to send ashore his Packett, Treasure &ca. with all Expedition former of which being just now come to hand directed for the Presi[dent] & Council of Fort St. George, The same is open'd & the Company's gene[ral] Letter read.

The Arrival of this Ship is a very happy [Cir]cumstance to us as We should have met with great difficulty to ha[ve] got Money to have paid the Garrison another Month.

An Ensign with a Par[ty] of men sent on board.

For the Security of this Ship against any Attempts that may be made on her from Pondicherry AGREED [that] an Ensign & thirty military with twenty five Gunners be imm[edi]ately sent on board to defend her which we believe to be a sufficient [num]ber as the Captain informs us that his Ship's Company is in good Health & as there is but one Company's Ship in Pondicherry & [several] disabled.

Boats Order'd off [t]o her.

Order'd that all the Boats that can be [got] be sent off to land what Treasure & valuable Effects are on board with all possible Diligence.

EDW: CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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[To] CAPTAIN JOHN SOMNER
COMMANDER OF SHIP BRITANNIA.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to send on shore by the boats now sent You with all Expedition, the Treasure, Wares & Stores You have on board on the honourable Company's Account. Dated in Fort S^{t}. David this 22^{d}. Day of February 1746/7.

JOHN HINDE.
EDWARD CROKE.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}.*

To CAPTAIN JOHN SOMNER
COMMANDER OF SHIP BRITANNIA.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to deliver the Packet You have on board directed to y^{e}. President & Council of Fort William as also the Military design'd for Fort S^{t}. George. Dated in Fort S^{t}. David this 22^{d}. day of February 1746/7.

JOHN HINDE &C^{A}.
as above.

The Company's Sloops Fanny from Porto novo anchor'd in this Road. 24TH.
The S^{t}. David Ketch from . . D^{o}. anchor'd in this Road.
A Brigantine from the Southward anchor'd in Pondicherry Road.

AT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY THE 24TH.

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQ^{R}. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}.*

General Letters read to the several Parts as follows Viz^{t}. Genl. Lr̃s read.

N^{o}. 12 to the President & Council of Bengall, a[dvising] of the Arrival of the BRITANNIA of the loss of the Princess Amelia [and] that the Bombay Castle & Princess of Wales were hourly expected & might [proba]bly meet with the same Fate if his Majesty's Squadron did not soon ap[pear] on this Coast. To Bengall.

N^{o}. 13. To the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam ad[vis]ing of the Arrival of the Ship Success & that the Bales from her & the two Country Vessels were safely landed, Also that the Ship was now return'd to th[em] for a Loading of Grain which We directed them to put on board as fast as possible. To Vizagapatam.

N^{o}. 14 To M^{r}. Thomas Saunders at Ingeram acknowledgeing the Receipt of his Bales & that We should not fail to supply [him] with Money as soon as in our Power. To Ingeram &

N^{o}. 15 to M^{r}. Andrews at Ganiam to the Purp[ort] of the foregoing. Ganjam.

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BroadCloth by the Britannia for Bengall Agreed to be kept here.

The Britannia haveing bro[t]. a good Deal [of] Cloth & other Wares & Stores consign'd for Bengall which this Settl[ement] has great Occasion for AGREED that it be kept here which makeing [if necessa]ry to open the Bengall Packet to take out the Invoyce thereof, The sam[e] now done accordingly & the Invoyce deliver'd to the Accomptant to copy w[ith] all Expedition.

Ship Success dispatch'd to Vizagapatam.

The Ship Success being ready to proceed to Vizagapatam the Master's Dispatches are drawn out & deliver'd him as enter'd hereafter.

EDW: CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
W. HOLT.
A[R]. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun[r].*

TO CAPTAIN HARRIOT
OF SHIP SUCCESS.

SIR

We haveing taken your Ship Success into the Hoñble Company's Service, On Receipt of this You are hereby Ordered to make the best of your Way to Vizagapatam, where You are to follow such Orders as You shall receive from Richard Prince Esq[r].Chief &c[a]. Council there & if You are as We imagine You will be return'd hither We direct that You call at Tranquebar if You can if not at Porto Novo at both which places Letters shall be Lodg'd for You Dated in Fort S[t]. David this 24[th]. Day of February 1746/7.

26TH. Ship Success Cap[t]. Herriot sail'd for Vizagapatam.
A Ganjam Boat sail'd for D[o].

FRIDAY THE 27TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQ[R]. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun[r].*

Advice that the Enemy is coming against us

Proceedings thereupon

The Deputy Governour represents to the boar[d] that He hath certain Intelligence the Enemy is comeing against us & [that] a large Party came out of Pondicherry yesterday to Areacopang wi[th the] necessarys proper for such a Design, Upon Hearing of which New[s we] order'd Cap[t]. Gingins to March out early this Morning with about 3[...] European & Topass Soldiers, as likewise Cap[t]. Hollond attended by M[r]. Hal]liburton & M[r]. Joseph Fowke with a small Party of European Hor[semen] tho' as many as We could get fit for Service together with [a]ll our Peons to [a] number of about three thousand to assemble at the Company's Gardens Where upon viewing the whole it was thought they made a tolerable figure [as] to oppose at least for some time any Forces the French could as yet bring ag[ainst] us (as far as We could learn by the Advices receiv'd of them) If the Blacks d[o] not desert us, and by the appearance of our Military attended by the [Gun] room Crew with some Artillery & our European Horsemen, We hope they w[ould] be encourag'd to stand their Ground but without them We think the Cou[ntry] People would give way as not being us'd to stand against the fir[...]lar Troops, but Care has not been wanting to put their Chiefs in [mind to] exercise them often & make them fit for Service in our Way of engage[ing the] manner shewn them how to

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behave in time of Action, AGREED that We [Consult] the chief Officers of the Garrison, If We can risque the same Number of Mili[tary] in the field that were out this Morning & leave a sufficient Number of M[en] in the Fort for its Security.

70 Moratta Horse entertain'd.

The Deputy Governour also represents that [he] has advice that Meersul Governour of Velloure has assisted the [French] with 300 Horse, on which as He is well assur'd that Horsemen are [of] great Service in the field, He has entertain'd about 70 Morattoes being as many as He could get from Mohofoz Cawn & Mahmed Ally Cawn while they were encamp'd near our Bounds a short time past, & that He has wrote repeated Letters to them for more as well as to request their Assistance against the Enemy who he has advis'd are coming against us as likewise to Gingee for one or two hundred Horsemen as good as can be got & to Captain Hopkins at S^{t}. Tho^{s}. Mount to send immediately to our Assistance a thousand Pollygars, He being advis'd that those People have offer'd their Assistance.

[Ware]he.k. Acct. [read]

Edward Croke Warehousekeeper reads his Account [for] last Month, Ballance Due from him, three Hundred, forty three Pago[das] fifteen fanams & fifty seven Cash (343. 15. 57) which is order'd to be carried forward.

[Jour]nal Parcels pro[duced]

The Accomptant produces the Journal Parcels for Dece[mber].

[Pay M]aster's Acct. read

Charles Floyer Paymaster reads that account for last Month Viz^{t}.

Charges Garrison	Pags. 2303	35	26
Hospital Charges	43	22	54
Peons & Servant's Wages	4025	3	2[...]
Charges General	117	7	6[...]
Charges extraordinary	500	17	2[2..]
Fortifications & Repairs	765	25	57
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diet	232	—	—
Household necessaries	85	15	—
	Pags. 8123	19	3

Ballance due to him two Hundred sixty six Pagodas, two Fanams & sixty five Cash (266. 2. 65) which is carried forward & the extraordinary Expences enter'd hereafter.

[Pay M]aster advanc'd

He requesting to be advanc'd seven thousand two hundred Pagodas (7200) to Defray charges Garrison & Buildings the same is now paid him.

Cuddr. Sea & Land Custr's. Acct. read.

William Holt Sea & land Customer of Cuddalore reads those accounts for last Month Ballance due from him on the former being fifty five Pagodas, ten Fanams & forty six Cash (55. 10. 46) & on the latter thirty eight Pagodas, nine Fanams & fifty two Cash (38. 9. 52) both which he now pays in.

Storekr. Acct. read

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper reads his Account for last Month Ballance due to him six Hundred, fourteen Pagodas, twenty Fanams, & sixty nine Cash (614. 20. 69) which is carried forward.

[Tevene]ptm Custr's. account read

Thomas Cooke Jun^{r}. Sea & Land Customer [of] Tevenepatam reads his Account for last Month Ballance due from Hi[m] nineteen Fanams & thirty Cash (19. 30) which He now pays in.

[Cash] Acct. read.

The Deputy Governor reads the Cash accou[nt] for This Month, Ballance due therefrom eleven thousand, two Hundred & [...] four Pagodas, twenty three fanams & forty four Cash which is carried [forward].

[Co]mpy's Merchants summon'd.

Haveing perus'd the Company's General Letter [...] only find necessary to observe at present their directions relateing to th[e] Merchant's Ballances which they think proper to order may be collected [...]. It is therefore ORDERED that they be summond to appear next Consultation [and] the same may be demanded of them.

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Writers entertain'd

Mess[rs]. Richard Turner, Henry VanSittart [and] John Duncombe Writers for this Coast being arriv'd by the Britannia AGREED that they be entertain'd & employed as most useful, & as they have been at an extraordinary Expence for their Passage since they arrivd in Madra[ss] Road on the 5[th]. November & that being their consign'd Port, AGREED tha[t] they take their Standing from that day & that their Salary & Allowance[s may] be paid them accordingly.

Agreed to begin upon an Investment.

AGREED that the Investment be [begun] as soon as We can get Pagodas & the Country in tolerable [Peace].

The Stores receivd by this Ship were [verifyed] & out of eleven Military only five have liv'd to come to us.

L're to Capt. Somner.

Notwithstanding the repeated Orders to Ca[p[t].] Somner to land his Goods with the utmost expedition, We observe He is n[ot] so obedient as We could wish. It is therefore AGREED that We write him a Letter to put him in mind of the Consequences of such Delay.

EDW: CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
W. HOLT.
A[R]. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun[r]*.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1746/7 ARE IN THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS.

CHARGES GARRISON				
Persons occasionally enter'd in the military & Gunroom Crew	Pag[s].	132	19	14
PEONS & SERVANTS WAGES				
Peons & Horsemen occasionally entered ..		988	5	24
CHARGES GENERAL Sealing Wax Pag[s]. 2. .. Tossels P. 4. 14. 20 Batty & other small Charges P. 7. 19. 60		13	34	—
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY as ℔ Paymaster's Book.		500	17	22
FORTIFICATIONS & REPAIRS as p[r]. D[o]. ..		765	25	57
HOUSEHOLD NECESSARY'S		85	15	—
	Pag[s].	2486	8	37

THE HONOURABLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH

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Dr.					Cr.				
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12th.	To Account Curt. Fort William recd of Mr. Cornelius Goodwin for a Bill of Exchange payable to Messrs. Fytche & Burrow amounts. to Rups. 11178 @ 345 ₹r. % Pagodas.	3000	—	—	1st.	By Ballance brot. from last Month ..	2456	11	7
18th.	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper received of Him in part of his Ballance	500	—	—		By Charles Floyer Paymaster for Disbursements Pags. 300 — — in Fans. 200 — —	500	—	—
20th.	To Profitt & Loss gain'd by the exchange of Pags. 600 into Fanams @ 39. 20 pr. Pagoda	54	6	—	15th.	By Charges extraordinary paid the Steward account the General Table.	268	34	40
28th.	To William Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore receivd of him in full of his last Month's Ballance	55	10	46		By Account Presents giv'n to the Nabob's Sons Mohofoz Cawn & Mahmed Alley Cawn & their Servts. Rups. 1250 @ 340 ₹r. % Pagodas ..	367	25	60
	To William Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore receivd of Him in full of his last Month's Ballance in Pags. 4 — — in Fañ. 34 9 52	38	9	52	21st.	By Charles Floyer Paymaster advanc'd him to pay new Peons for this Month..	3000	—	—
	To Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea & Land Customer of Tevenepatam rẽcd of him in full of his last Month's Ballance	—	19	30		By Account Presents given to Vencatachilum 600 Rupees @ 340 ₹r. % Pagodas	176	18	—
		3648	9	48	28th.	By Charles Floyer Paymaster advanc'd Him to pay new Peons for this Month	933	15	65
	To Ballance carried forward in Pags. 10052 — — in Fans. 1202 23 44	11254	23	44		By Charles Floyer Paymaster advanc'd him to defray Charges Garrison & Buildings in in Pags. 6600 — — in Fans. 600 — —	7200	—	—
	Pagodas	14902	33	12		Pags.	14902	33	12

Errors Excepted.

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[Sunday] Evening 1st.

At a Consultation

Present

John Hinde Esq^r. Deputy Governour.
Edward Croke. Charles Floyer.
William Holt. Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Jun^r.*

The Deputy Governour acquaints the board that He being advis'd not to keep the whole Party of Military out that were review'd yesterday [He] had ordered Ensign Scrimpshaw with an Hundred Men to stay at the Company's Gardens & Cap^t. Gingins with the Remainder into the Fort, the Peons were to keep round about, but not to go too far from the Military for fear of a Surprize from the Enemy who were advanc'd about half way from Pondicherry.

[Fren]ch enter our [bo]unds. [Engage]-ment with them

Early this Morning Advices came that the Enemy mar[ch]ed forward apace & between 8 & 9 o Clock entered our Bounds, Upon which the Governour ordered Cap^t. Gingins immediately to march out with 100 Europea[ns] & 200 Topasses including Ensign Schrimpsaws Party, & the Train of Artillery with orders to endeavour if possible to hinder the Enemy's crossing Penniar River & taking Possession of the Garden House, where We judged rightly they would endeavour to fix their Head Quarters, the Horsemen were also out under the Command of Cap^t. John Hollond, Our Men made a stand for some time near the Points of Tevenepatam & Patcheree, The Enemy being five times the Number of ours, but between one & two our Troops march'd forward to the Banks of Penniar River, The Enemy being on the other Side, & immediately the Field Pieces fir'd very briskly on both Sides, Between 4 & 5 the Enemy press'd hard upon our Troops who did not give Way but fir'd briskly their Small Arms, but in the Dusk of the Evening, Ours being a small body in comparison to the Numbers of the Enemy, could not keep the Field all Night, so were obligd to retreat into the Fort which they did in good order & brought all the Artillery with them & by this means left the Enemy to proceed as they pleas'd.

[Offi]cers report their [Peo]ple to have behav'd [very] well.

The Officers upon coming in report their People in general behav'd very well & could not do more than they did with such a Handful of Men against the Force of the Enemy, being as they believe at least one thousand Europeans besides Topasses, Coffrees & Seapoys altogether about two thousand. They say they had but little Assistance from the Peons & none from the Moratto Horse, they keeping at a great distance & would not come near our Horsemen, that they stayed as long in the Field as they could with Prudence & report the Enemy to have acted cowardly in not advancing sooner upon them; They believe they must have done the Enemy some damage, as the Field Pieces were fired between 6 & 7 Hundred times, on our side We have only one Topass kill'd, 3 Europeans Wounded & a few Peons.

Edw: Croke.
Charles ffloyer.
W. Holt.
A^r. Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Jun^r.*

Monday 2d. at 8 A. M.

At a Consultation

Present

John Hinde Esq^r. Deputy Governour.
Edward Croke. Charles Floyer.
William Holt. Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Jun^r.*

French in possession of the Garden House.

By what We can learn but a small Body of the Ene[my] came over Penniar River last Night but lay upon the Banks of it, The[y are] now in Possession of the Garden House, & preparing to attack us in for[m] as [we] were to defend ourselves, when to our great joy some Ships appeared wh[ich] prov'd to be his

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Majesty's Squadron & as they drew near the Enemy perceiv[d] from the Garden House & immediately made a slow retreat, Upon which [a par]ty of Military were ordered out with the Horsemen & Artillery as before, to [win] what Advantage they could, but the Enemy not haveing brought up their [hea]vy Artillery & but a Part of their Baggage, We could reap no great Adv[an]tage over them, but We kept a constant fire upon them from the Fort & [...] Battery that could possibly reach them, as they retired & were very than[kful] to God for so critical a Delivery from our Enemies who must have done [the Com]pany an infinite deal of Mischief at Cuddalore & the Washing Towns had [not] the Ships appear'd as they did for the most We could do was to defend [our] Fort, As We had had no Advices from Bengall We could not expect the Squadron because it was natural to believe our Enemies would not have come against us had that been the case, as We know they had continual Advices, but they were deceived in the Shortness of their Passage.

His Majesty Squadron arrives.

The Governour upon Sight of the Squadron wrote a Letter & sent Mr. Wynch to compliment the Comodore upon his Arrival & to desire He would immediately send a Force ashore to follow the Enemy in their Retreat which He directly complyed with & landed between 7 & 800 Men most expeditiously, but the [French] were march'd too far for the Troops to be able to come up with them.

Mr. Wynch sent off wi[th] a Letter to com-[plime]nt the Commo; [upon] his arrival

The Squadron arriv'd consists of eight of his Majesty's Ships under the command of Comodore Griffin Viz^{t}. The Princess Mary, Medway, Preston, Harwick, Winchester, Pearl, Medway's Prize, Lively: He has also brought with Him a Brigantine & a Sloop the former fitted for a Fire Ship. Although the Enemy were but a few Hours at the Garden House they have done considerable Damage to it by breaking the Doors & Windows & taking off the Brass Locks &c^{a}. spoiling & burning the furniture, They likewise maliciously kill'd the Deer & Birds in the Garden & began to spoil the Trees & if they had had more time would have done irreparable Damage; The Paymaster is order'd to repair everything & to put the House in the same Condition as before & that a Head of Pondich[erry] War be made in our Books & charg'd with it in Hopes We may hereafter procu[re] Satisfaction from them for these insulting Robberies.

French do con[sider]-able Damage [to th]e Garden House [and] the Pay-ma[ster is ordered] to repair.

We have taken into Consideration in what Method to reward our Garrison according to a Custom allow'd by our Masters in their Ships & our Promise in consequence of it made to them at going out, They haveing by the Report of their Officers & as We ourselves could plainly perceive from the Fort, behaved well both in the first & second engagement with the Enemy, AGREED that on behalf of the Honble Company We present the whole of the Military in the Garrison with a Coat & Cap to the Gunners a Coat & Pr. of Breeches & to the Ensigns & two Masters of the Artillery 5 Yards of fine Scarlet Broad Cloth each with sufficient for faceing the Paymaster is ordered to set about the cloathing immediately, & the Warehouse-keeper is ordered to deliver out Broad Cloth for that Purpose & for the Officers, which allowance will amount to about two thousand (2000) Pagodas no great matter for such a Number of Men & is better than giveing them Money which would soon be gone & occasion disorders while it lasted, whereas they will reap the Benefit of this Year round by haveing nothing to pay for their cloathing.

[...] Gun-room[*sic*] [awar]ded for their [val]our

Upon searching the Wells & tanks & about at the Company's Gardens there are several dead Bodies of Europeans found, two Casks of Cohorn Shells, Bags of Flints & many other things, the Particulars not being yet collected, as also three small Guns which the Enemy took of ours from the Mud Point at Uplawaddy.

What Numbers of our Peons are wounded We cannot as yet tell but do not hear of any being kill'd.

Lieutenant John Hollond haveing conducted the Horse that were under his command with Prudence & Vigour & haveing been greatly instrumental to the Success We had in defending the River so long as We did AGREED in consideration

Commission granted to Lieutenant John Hollond

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thereof that a Company be drawn out for him immediately & put Under his Command & that an Order be given to the Lieutenants of the three Companies to draught out every fourth Man f[or] that Purpose, Copy of which is entered Hereafter.

Capt. Crompton with his Company Order'd to Cuddalore.

ORDERED that the Secretary do write an Order [to] Lieutenant Crompton as entered hereafter for him & his Company [to re]pair to Cuddalore & continue there as formerly.

EDW: CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

To LIEUTENANTS { JOHN D'MORGAN. JOHN HOLLOND. JOHN RODOLPH D.GINGINS.

GENTLEMEN,

You are hereby ORDERED to draught out of each Company every fourth Man (the Ensigns excepted) as they stood on the Rolls for last Month & deliver them over to the Command of Lieutenant John Holland. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID, this 3d. Day of March 1746/7.

JOHN HINDE.
EDWARD CROKE.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

To LIEUTENANT JOHN CROMPTON.

SIR,

You are hereby ORDERED to repair with your Company to Cuddalore there to remain (as usual) 'till our farther Orders. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 3d. Day of March 1746/7.

SIGNED By Order of the Governor & Council

THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*
Secry.

3D. The Sloop Occident Christopher Irwin Supra Cargo from Bengall anchored in this Road.

4TH. His Majesty's Ship Harwick sail'd on a Cruize to the No. ward.

WEDNESDAY 4TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Genl. Lre form Bengall

After our long Expectations We are [now] favoured with a general Letter from the President & Council [of Ben]gall, received by his Majesty's Squadron, dated the 4th. February [as en]tered in our Letter Book No. 17 & We are sorry to

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observe [that] the Succours they have sent us by this Opportunity are so small [and] had not the Britannia come to our assistance, We might still h[ave] been in great Necessity for Money and everything else as they [have] only thought proper to send us two & twenty thousand (22,000) [...] & all other Supplies in the like Proportion & have not so much [as] sent us one of our Honble Master's Ships to carry home our Ba[les] notwithstanding the large Number We have on hand here are laying at vast Risque.

On which last Consideration We are [now] met to consult whether it may not conduce to our Honble Mast[er's] Interest to dispatch the Britannia to England tho' so late in [the] Season, & the Deputy Governor representing the Advant[age and] Satisfaction it will be to our Honble Masters, to receive [...] of Bales at this Juncture, especially from a Place they hav[e a] great Reason to despair off, & as We have so large a Number of them, that We are at a great Inconveniency for Room to keep them, These motives added to the precarious Situation of the Place, the Security of which wholly depending upon the Assistance of his Majesty's Squadron, & the Succours We may receive from Bombay, occasions the board in general to be of Opinion that such a Resolution cannot be disapproved off, It is therefore unanimously AGREED to dispatch her accordingly & ORDERED that a Letter be drawn out & sent to the Commander as Entered hereafter to acquaint him with our Intentions, & to direct that He use all possible expedition to get his Ship in readiness to receive on board her Cargo & to signify the same to Mr. Philip Baker & Capt: John Byers whom We have appointed together with the Company's Carpenter to survey her as ℔ an Order to them hereunto annex'd.

Agreed to dispatch the Britannia to England, & that a Letter be wrote the Commdr. to acquaint him therewith.

There being a large House in the Collaway offer'd for Sale & the Deputy Governor representing that the same will be very convenient to accommodate the Commodore and the several Officers of the Squadron, as likewise on many other Occasions, AGREED that We purchase the same for two Thousand 2000 Pagodas.

[A] large House in the [Col]laway brought.

The Reverend Mr. Francis Foredyce haveing arrived here sometime since from Bencoolen, as the Company has appointed him Chaplain at Fort St. George, AGREED that He be entertain'd at this place from the first Instant on the usual Terms & that all the Allowances at the West Coast do cease from that Day.

[Franc]is Foredyce [to be] entertained

There being a large Supply of Broad Cloth received by this Ship, that was consigned for Bengall, ORDERED that the Warehouskeeper do supply the Company's Servants with any Quantity they may want for their Particular Use @ 25 ℔ Cent. & AGREED that We summon the Merchants to settle with them the Disposal of the Rest.

[Ware]ho.kr. ordered to supply [Co]m[p]ys Servts. with [what] Broad Cloth they [w]ant for their own [use at] 25 ℔ Ct. & the [merc]hts. summon'd to settle [dis]posal of the rest.

The Military & others that were in the late Engagement with the French, having Suffered extremely for want of Tents, ORDERED that the Storekeeper do make a sufficient Number as fast as He possibly can.

[orde]r'd to provide

ORDERED that the Assay Master do forward the Business of the Mint with all Diligence, & that He coin both Gold & Silver.

[Assay Mas]ter ordered to for[ward] mint Business [as soon] as possible.

ORDERED that the Warehouskeeper do carry on the Washing of the Company's Cloth, & that He endeavour to keep those People together.

Wareho.kr. order'd to wash the Compys Cloth.

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Fanny Sloop Agreed to be sent with Supplies to Bencoolen.

The Squadron being arrived, AGREED to dispatch the Fanny Sloop belonging to the Company to Bencoolen with Advices of our Situation, & that We send by her what few Necessaries She can Carry that are proper for the relief of that Place.

Twenty Pipes of Madeira Wine receiv'd from Bengall. Dividend of it adjusted

The President & Council of Bengall having sent us no more than twenty (20) Pipes of Madeira Wine out of one Hundred & fifty (150) Consigned to Fort S^{t} George AGREED that a Dividend be made as follows, three Pipes to the Governor, one to each of the Council, & the rest of the Establishment to have a Pipe between four Persons as far as the Remainder will extend.

EDW: CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
W. HOLT.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}*.

To CAP^{T}. JOHN SOMNER
COMMANDER OF SHIP BRITANNIA.

SIR

Haveing come to a Resolution to dispatch the [Ship] Britannia for England, We think proper to give You this Notice, [that you] may use all possible Expedition in getting your Ship in proper readiness [and re]ceive on board her Cargo, & When She is in such Readiness You must [repair] thereof to M^{r}. Philip Baker & Cap^{t}. John Byers who together with [Com]pany's Carpenter, We have appointed to survey her.

We must take Notice that the Lateness [of the Sea]son will require You to be doubly diligent in this Respect & as [the Compa]ny's Interest depends greatly on your getting your Passage home, [that] You will be particularly careful to exert yourself, so as to merit the promis[ed] Indulgence of our Hoñble Masters, as well as their further favour on the material Occasion. DATED in FORT S^{T}. DAVID this 4th. Day of March 1746/7.

JOHN HINDE.
EDWARD CROKE.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}*.

To M^{R}. PHILIP BAKER & CAPTAIN JOHN BYERS.

GENTLEMEN

Having appointed you together with the Company[s] Carpenter to go on board the Britannia to survey her when She is unloaded (which You will Learn from the Captain) You will give us a Report in writing whether She be in a proper Condition to receive on board her Cargo for ENGLAND. DATED in FORT S^{T}. DAVID this 4th. Day of March 1746/7.

JOHN HINDE.
EDWARD CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}*.

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AT A CONSULTATION MONDAY THE 16TH.

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Genl Lre from Bombay.

General Letters Nº. 18 & 19 from Bombay Read, The former advising that By Order of Governour Morse, Mr. Haliburton had transmitted them the several Articles &ca. papers Relating to the Loss of Madrass, & enclosing a List thereof, Copy of which is ORDERED to be enter'd hereafter They likewise advise that agreable to the directions they had received from the President & Council at Fort St. George They had at length ransomed the Honble Company's Ship Princess Augusta for eight thousand 8,000 Rupees, exclusive of some other Charges & that they should be glad to know in what Manner, they judge suitable to employ her.

From Tellicherry &

General Letter Nº. 20 from the Chief & Council at Tellicherry read informing us that the French Ships that sailed out of Pondicherry on the 28th. January were arrived on their Coast & that seven sail supposed to be french were in sight of Anjengo on the 12th. Ultimo, and in Answer to our Request concerning Grain, they acquaint us there has been almost a Famine for want of the latter Rain however they are in hopes to procure us some Rice at Mangalore.

To Bombay

General Letters Nº. 16 & 17 to the president & Council of Bombay advising of the Attempt the French made against this place on the 1st. Instant & that his Majesty's Squadron came very fortunately to our Assistance the next day, Also remarking the small Supplies We had Received from Bengall after our long Expectations from them, & Representing that unless We were Supplyed with two or three Hundred Europeans, it would be impossible to maintain this Settlement, & Requesting them to send the Princess Augusta hither with either Timber or what else might seem necessary for the Service of this Coast, & that if they could not supply us with more than three Hundred 300 Europeans, We should be glad of five or six Hundred of the best Northern People their Way as they are Reputed to be much better than ours & not so liable to Desertion.

Merchts. acquainted with the Compy's Directions concerning their outstands. Ballances & Allow'd six Months for the Payment of them

Agreable to an Order of Consultation of the 27[th.] Ultimo the Merchants are now called in & acquainted with our Honble Masters Directions relating to their outstanding Ballances, The reasonableness of which they do not at all Dispute, but plead that the unsettled State of the Country make it very inconvenient to them to pay it in, their Money being all dispers'd, they therefore Request to be indulged in having some time allowed them to prepare the same which being consistent to our Honble Master's Directions not to Distress them, It is AGREED [to a]llow them six Months for that Purpose.

Wareho.kr. Order'd to purchase Grain.

Several Grain Vessels being lately arrived & the Company's Stock being near exhausted, AGREED that the Warehousekeeper do purchase all He can get & that He supply this place with the same in such Manner as the Company be not sufferers thereby.

Ensign's Commission giv'n to Mr. Robert Clive.

Mr. Robert Clive haveing behaved as a Voluntier in the late Engagement & requesting to be entertaind an Ensign The same is granted him & Commission ORDERED to be drawn out accordingly.

Wareho.kr. order'd to Charge the Madeira Wine @ 45 Pags. ℔ Pipe.

The Warehouskeeper Represents that out [of the 20] Pipes of Madeira received from Bengall, The best Part of one of the[m was] taken up to fill the deficiencies of the Rest & another has proved so [AGRE]ED that the Latter be sold at Outcry for what it will fetch & the re[st hav]ing been distributed, Agreable to our Directions in the last Consultn. AGREED that they be charg'd at fortyfive (45) Pagodas ℔ Pipe. ℔r. Pipe which it is thought will prove a sufficient profit thereon.

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Storekr. order'd to sell the Salt Provisions receiv'd by the Britannia.

ORDERED that the Storekeeper do dispose off the salt provisions Receiv'd from Europe by the Britannia, as He has opportunity least They may spoil on Hand as there is no present Occasion for them.

Damag'd Broad Cloth order'd to be surveyed, &

The Warehousekeeper reporting that some of the Bales of Broad Cloth appear to be Damaged ORDERED that He together with Messrs. Floyer & Holt & the Captain do meet the Day after tomorrow to survey them carefully & that they deliver in their report of the same.

Capt. Somner order'd to attend at it

ORDERED that the Secretary signify this Appointment to Capt. Somner that He may attend accordingly.

Secry orderd to open a Register for Diamonds, & the Wareho.kr. & Storekr. to prepare their Europe Indents.

It is also ORDERED that the Secretary do open a Regis[ter] for any Diamonds that may be sent home by this Ship & that the Warehousekeeper & Storekeeper do prepare their Europe Indents.

Lre to Capt. Somner.

As Captain Somner has made no reply to the Directio[ns] that were sent him from the Board the 4th. Instant, about getting his Ship in Readiness to receive on board her Europe Cargo, AGREED That We write him further to Remind him of the Lateness of the Season, as Entered hereafter.

EDW: CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

LIST OF PAPERS RECEIVED FROM MR. JOHN HALIBURTON IN HIS LETTER OF THE 24TH. OCTOBER 1746.

1 Articles of Capitulation dated the $\frac{21st}{10th}$ September & signed by Mr. La Bourdannais.
2 Act of Liberty for the Governor &ca. dated $\frac{28th\ September}{9th\ October}$ signed by Do.
3 Articles of Ransom, Agreed on but not signed or dated.
4 Mr. Dupleix &ca. Council of Pondicherry their protest against La Bourdannais Proceedings Dated the 30th. September.
5. Do. their Answer to a Memorial of Mr. Morse's dated the 9th. October.
6 Mr. Dupleix's Original Letter to Mr. Morse dated the 26th. October.
7 A Paper called the Instructiods for the Operations at Madrass containing Forms of Ceremony to be observed &ca.
8 List of Arms remaining the 14th. October 1746.
N :B. All the above papers but the last were in the French Language.

IN MR. HALIBURTON'S SECOND PACKET.

1 The Treaty of Ransom signed by Mr. La Bourdannais & Mr. Morse &ca. Councils French & English.
2 Copy of Mr. Morse's Letter to Mr. Dupleix dated the 14th. October 1746.
3 Attested Copy of an Article concluded between La Bourdannais & the Governor of Pondicherry.
4 Copies of Letters between the English & French at Madrass.

A true Copy.

THOMAS HODGES,
Secry.

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To Capt. John Somner
Commander of Ship Britannia.

Sir

The Deputy Governor & Council havi[ng] thought proper to appoint you together with Messrs. Croke, Floyer, & Ho[lt] to survey the Broad Cloth received from England by your ship, I am Ordere[d] to give You this Notice that You may attend the Day after tomorrow for that Purpose. I am

Fort St. David.
the 16th. March 1746/7.

Sir
Your most humble Servant
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*
Secry.

To Capt. John Somner
Commander of Ship Britannia.

Sir

It being now twelve Days since an [order] was tendered you to get your Ship Ready to load for England & not having heard from You since, We think proper to remind you of the lateness of the Season, especially as you have been arrived here now near a month, & have had more Boats than you could employ & every other Assistance in our power. We are

Fort St. David.
the 16th. March 1746/7.

Sir
Your most humble Servants
John Hinde
&ca. Council.

The Fort St. David Ketch sailed to the Southward. 30th.

At a Consultation Monday [30th]

Present

John Hinde Esqr. Deputy Governor.
Edward Croke. Charles Floyer.
William Holt. Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

General Letters read Vizt. No. 21 & 24 from Mr. Thomas Saunders at Ingeram No. 22 from Mr. Samuel Banks at Matchelipatam, No. 23 from the Chief & Council at Tellicherry. [Genl. Lres from Ingeram, Metchelipatam & Tellicherry

General Letter No. 18 to Mr. Samuel Banks in answer to the foregoing Received of him. Genl. Lre to Metchelipatm.

Ordered that a General Letter be drawn out under the proper Heads to the Court of Directors to be sent by the Britannia. Genl. Lre to the Court of Directors order'd to be drawn out.

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Order'd that the Fortifications be set about immediately & that Plans of it be got ready to be sent home by the Britannia.

Commodore Griffin having given us his Opinion relating to some Material Alterations, requisite to be made to our Fortifications, AGREED that they be gone on with all possible Expedition, & that Draughts of this Design be got Ready to send to our Hoñble Masters with a Calculate of the Expence thereof by this Ship.

Paymaster order'd to purchase Pagodos

Notwithstanding We have offered to purchase Pagodas at the Rate of three Hundred & fifty (350) Rupees Pr. % We are not able to procure any at that Rate, ORDERED that the Paymaster do purchase them at any Rate, Sufficient to defray the Charges of the Garris[on] & AGREED as soon as Gold is procurable that We coin Pagodas to carry on the Investment & in Particular Madrass Pagodas to send to the Northern Factories & more especially to Ingeram where it may be carried on without much Risque.

[Lette]r from Capt Somner & The Boards Answer to it.

Capt. John Somner having made Application to us by his Letter as Entered hereafter to supply him with what Military had serv'd their contracted time for the Compleating his Ships Compliment, As his Request was thought very unsuitable to the present Occasion We have for those People, It was thought proper to answer his Address in the Manner hereafter, & to inclose him a Copy of our Hoñble Master's Directions relating thereto as transmitted to us from the President & Council of Fort St. George some time since.

Lre from Capt. Somner.

Letter from Capt. John Somner in answer to what We wrote him under the 16th. Instant is ORDERED to be Enter'd hereafter.

Report Survey of the Britannia deliver'd in.

Report Survey of the Ship Britannia deliver'd in & ORDERED to be Enter'd hereafter.

Wareho.kr. reports to the Board

The Warehouskeeper Reports that on the 1st. Instant when the French enterd the Bounds & attack'd us, He supposing the Terror occasioned thereby might drive the Hoñble Company's Washers from their Employ, gave the proper Orders for an Account to be taken of the Calicoes, whereby it appear'd that five 5 Pieces of Long Cloth & ten (10) Pieces of Salampores were stolen, that two pieces of Salampores were found upon a Peon belonging to the Hoñble Company, who[m] the Warehouskeeper had committed to Prison & now desires the Board [to] direct what Punishment shall be inflicted on him, & to give Orders that the abovemention'd Cloths be wrote off to Profit & Loss, which is AGREED to & the Person detected is ORDERED to be severely whipp'd in the Face of the Publick as a means to deter others from being guilty of the like Roguery.

Master of the Calcutta Sloop requests a Supply of provisions & one months pay which is granted.

The Master of the Calcutta S[loop] now tending on the Men of War representing that the Stock of Provision of that Vessel is near exhausted & desiring a Supply thereof for three Months with an Advance of one Month's pay, ORDERED that it be done & Account Current FORT WILLIAM be debted for the same.

Lre from Capt. Somner.

Another Letter from Capt. Somner is now Read Requesting our Orders to land what Articles He has on board on private Gentlemen's Accounts at Bengall which is accordingly drawn out & sent him as enter'd hereafter.

Wareho.kr. Acct. read.

Edward Croke Warehousekeeper reads [his Ac]count for last Month, Ballance due from Him forty two Pagodas [nine] Fanams & six Cash (42. 9. 6) which is carried forward.

Journal Parcels & Account Sallary produced.

The Accomptant produces the journal Parcels for January & with it an Account Salary due to the Hoñble Company's covenanted Servants for half a Year, ending the 25th. Instant amounting to four Hundred, ninety one Pagodas, nine Fanams, and thirty one Cash (491. 9. 31) which is ORDERED to be paid and the Account to be enter'd hereafter.

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CHARLES FLOYER PAYMASTER READS HIS ACCOUNT FOR LAST MONTH VIZ^{T}. [Pay]master's Acct. read.

Charges Garrison	Pagod^{s}. 2533	21	30
Hospital Charges	43	27	70
Peons and Servant's Wages	4234	10	40
Charges General	123	8	5
Charges extraordinary	499	28	16
Fortifications & repairs	798	13	24
New fortifications..	311	6	36
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges diet	325	9	—
General table	68	1	—
Pagodas ..	8987	17	61

Ballance due from him two thousand, Three Hundred & seventy nine Pagodas thirty one Fanams & nineteen Cash (2379. 31. 19) Which He carries forward & the particulars of the extraordinary Expence are entered hereafter.

He Requesting to be advanced five thousand, eight Hundred Pagod[as] to defray Charges Garrison & Buildings the same is now Paid Him. Paymaster advanc'd

He is likewise Advanced the sum of three thousand, nine Hundred eight six Pagodas seven fanams & fifty Cash (3986. 7. 50) to Pay the new Peons for this Month. Ditto Ditto

William Holt Sea & Land Customer of Cuddalore Reads those Accounts for last Month, Ballance due from Him on the former, Eighty eight Pagodas, twenty One Fanams, (88. 21.) on the latter Thirty eight Pagodas, five Fanams, and ten Cash (38. 5. 10) both which He now pays in. Cudd. Sea & Land Custr. A[ccount] read.

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper Reads his Account for last Month, Ballance due to him, One thousand, seven Hundred, Pagodas, sixteen Fanams & seventy Cash (1700. 16. 70) which is carried forward, & He desiring to be Advanced, Two Thousand 2000 Pagodas for Disbursements, The same is now paid Him. Storek^{rs}. Acct. read

Thomas Cooke Jun^{r}. Sea & Land Customer of Tevenepatam Reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from Him sixty nine Pagodas, nine fanams & sixteen Cash (69. 9. 16) Which He now pays in. Tevp$\tilde{t}$m Sea & Land Cust^{rs}. Account read.

Sadasheverow Bound Renter pays into Cash, eight Hundred, thirty three Pagodas, twelve Fanams (833. 12.) for three Months Rent of that Cowle, due the first of October last. Bound Rent paid in

Sadasheverow & Irshapah Chitty, Beetle & Tobacco Farmers pay into Cash three Hundred, seventy five (375) Pagodas for three Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. of November last. Beetle & Tobacco Farm paid in

Mess^{rs}. Croke, Floyer & Holt, haveing surveyed the Damaged Broad Cloth Received by the Britannia now deliver in their Report thereof as Enter'd hereafter, AGREED that the Quantity mentiond to be damaged be [sol]d at publick Outcry, & that We put thirty 30 P^{r}. C^{t}. on the Value in the In[voyce] & Charge the Captain with the Deficiency that may arise thereon as usually practised on such Occasions. Report Survey of the damaged Broadcloth deliver'd in

The Deputy Governor Represents to the Board that a Merchant has made Application to him for a Quantity of Silver, that He offers to pay for it at the Rate of fifteen & one Eighth 15$\frac{1}{8}$ Dollars p^{r}. ten 10 Pagodas, As this Offer is thought Reasonable, and Pagodas being greatly [wan]ted ORDERED that the Warehouskeeper do dispose of ten 10 [ch]ests and that the Money be received this Day, amounting to twenty four thousand, three Hundred and seventy four Pagodas, three Fanams & twenty Cash (24374. 3. 20). Wareho^{se}.kr. order'd to dispose of ten Chests of Silver. &

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to deliver out two Chests of Rupees.

ORDERED that the Warehousekeeper do likewise deliver out two Chests of Rupees amounting to sixteen thousand 16,000 for to defray the present Expences & that the same be brought to Account in the Cash Book @ three Hundred & Forty 340 ℔. 100 Pagodas.

Cash Account read

The Deputy Governor reads the Cash Account for this Month, Ballance carried forward being seven thousand, sixty Pagodas seventeen Fanams & sixty two Cash (7060. 17. 62) ORDERED that the Account be Entered hereafter.

EDW : CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HINDE ESQR.
GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

Having daily since my Arrival used my utmost Endeavours to procure a sufficient Number of able Men to compleat my Ships Complement, & being at present in want of so many as twenty, I am, in duty to my Owners under a Necessity of troubling your Honour &ca. with a Request, that if there [be] any of the Military who have serv'd their contracted Times with the Hoñble Company, You will please to grant them their Discharges, As I apprehend very ill consequences may attend my making up my Complement entirely with Lascars.

Our Ships Stock of Cash is likewise all Expended, therefore Request it of your Honour &ca. for the supply mentioned in Charterparty. I am

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 21ST. MARCH 1746/7.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servant
JOHN SOMNER.

TO CAPT. JOHN SOMNER
COMMANDER OF SHIP BRITANNIA.

SIR

We have Received your Letter of this Days date desiring us to spare You some of our Military, towards compleating your Ship's Complement, We cannot help observing to You that India is a very improper Place to man Ships in, but in answer to this Subject, We shall only inclose You Copy of a Paragraph in our Hoñble Masters Letter dated the 21st. March 1744, in which you will see their Directions in such Cases; If Lascars will serve your Purpose, We will endeavour to furnish You with them tho' We could wish You had applyed sooner for them. We shall be ready to supply You with any Quantity of Cash for the Use of your Ship as is usual on the like Occasions. We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
THE 21ST. MARCH 1747.

SIR,
Your most humble Servants

JOHN HINDE.
EDWARD CROKE.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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To JOHN HINDE ESQR.
GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

Yesterday I received yours in Regard to your not hearing from me since the 4th. Instant which is now thirteen Days for my getting ready for Europe, all which time I have used my utmost Endeavours to dispatch the Boats You sent me as fast as they could be laden, We shall be now clear for a survey tomorrow, and after that to take in the Charter Party Kintledge so soon as shall please to order it on board. I am

MARCH 17TH. 1747,

GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient humble Servant
JOHN SOMNER.

[To] THE WORSHL. JOHN HINDE ESQR.
[DE]PUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS

According to your Orders We have been on board the Britannia to survey her & find she is in a proper Condition to receive on board the Hoñble Company's Bales for Europe. We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
THE 19TH. MARCH 1746/7.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants
JOHN BYERS.
JOHN GRAY.
JOHN WOOD.

To JOHN HINDE ESQR.
GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

Having Received your Orders to get my Ship in Readiness to proceed for Europe, I am to acquaint You, I have several Articles on board belonging to private Gentlemen in Bengall which Request You will please to order on shore. I am

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 30TH. MARCH 1747.

GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient humble Servt.
JOHN SOMNER.

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To Capt. John Somner
Commander of Ship Brittannia.

Sir

We have received your Letter acquainting [us] several Articles You have got on board for the Private Gentlemen [in] Bengall, which You are to send on shore & the Warehouskeeper wi[ll deli]ver You a Receipt for the same. We are

Fort St. David
the 30th. March 1747.

Sir
Your most humble Servants
John Hinde.
Edward Croke.
Charles Floyer.
William Holt.
Alexander Wyn[ch.]
Thomas Cook, [*Junr.*]

Account Salary due to the Honble Company's covenanted Servants for half a Year from the 25th. Septembr. 1746 to ye. 25th. March 1747. Vizt.

				Pags.	Fans.	Ca.
The Worshl. John Hinde Esqr. Deputy Governor	@ £ 100 Pr. Annm.			111	4	—
Edward Croke Second & Accomptant ..	@ £ 50 Pags.	55	20 —			
Do. Gratuity	50	55	20 —			
	£ 100			111	4	—
Charles Floyer Senior Merchant	@ £ 40	..		44	16	—
William Holt Junior Merchant	@ 30	..		33	12	—
Alexander Wynch Factor	@ 15	..		16	24	—
Thomas Cooke Jr. Do.	@ 15	..		16	24	—
John Smith Do.	@ 15	..		16	24	—
Charles Nicholls Do.	@ 15	..		16	24	—
Henry Cope Writer	@ 5	..		5	20	—
Alexander Baird Do.	@ 5	..		5	20	—
Richard Turner Do. from the 5th. November to the 25th. March	@ 5	..		4	10	32
Henry VanSittart Do. from the 5th. November to the 25th. March	@ 5	..		4	10	32
John Duncombe Do. from the 5th. November to the 25 March	@ 5	..		4	10	32
The Revd. Mr. FrancisF[or]dyce Chaplain from the 1st. to the 25th. March ..	@ 100	..		15	15	44
Sidney Foxall Senior Merchant from the 1st. December to the 25th. Instant ..	@ 40£ Pags.	28	14 17			
Do. Assay Master from the 1st. December to the 25th. Instant	@ 80£ Pags.	56	28 34			
	£120	..		85	6	51
		Pagods.		491	9	31

Fort St. David
the 30th. March 1747.

Errors Excepted
Pr. Edward Croke,
Accompt.

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EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR FEBRUARY 1746/7 ARE IN THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS.

CHARGES GARRISON. Persons occasionally entered in the Military & Gunroom Crew ..	Pagods.	229	22	4
PEON'S & SERVANT'S WAGES. Peons & Servant's occasionally entered this Month ..		209	7	16
CHARGES GENERAL. Two Buffaloes bought Pags. 4. 23 Sundry small charges		6	[..]	
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY as ℔ Paymaster's Book		449	28	1[..]
FORTIFICATIONS & REPAIRS as ℔ Do.		798	13	[..]
NEW FORTIFICATIONS		311	6	36
CHARGES DIET as ℔ Paymasters Book.. ..		93	9	—
GENERAL TABLE as ℔ Do.		68	1	[..]
	Pags.	2215	15	[..]

TO THE WORSHL. JOHN HINDE ESQR.
GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS

Agreable to an Order of Council dated the 16th. Instant, We with Capt. Somner have surveyed the Honble Company's Bales of Broad Cloth landed from on board the Britannia which on the outside appear'd to be damaged & find the Damage as follows:

	No.	Pieces.	£	S.	D
BROAD CLOTH Ordry. Red in Bales ..	2087	1	4	19	—
	2095	1	5	1	6
	2134	2	9	13	—
	2136	1	4	16	6
		— 5			
Popinjay ..	712	3	15	3	9
	715	2	10	2	6
	328	1	5	11	3
	366	2	10	5	—
	352	1	5	10	—
	732	3	15	3	9
	775	1	4	17	6
	780	2	9	15	—
	812	1	5	2	6
		— 16			
Emerald Green ..	1752	2	10	17	6
	1755	2	10	17	6
	1756	1	5	8	9
		— 5			
Yellow ..	1780	4	21	—	—
Aurora ..	383	1	6	12	6
	389	1	6	12	6
	445	1	6	11	3
		— 3			
Long Ells Yellow ..	26	20	35	10	—
Red ..	78	1	2	13	6
	86	4	10	14	—
		25			
		—			£222 18 9
		58 Piecs.			

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 30TH. MARCH 1747.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humb. Servts.
EDWARD CROKE.
CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT.

The Honble United Company's Cash.

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Dr.

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Marc[h] 30th.	To Edward Croke Warehouskr. Rec'd of him for the Amount of ten Chests of Silver Pz. sold @ 15⅛ Dollars pr. 10 Pagodas.	lb. 2706	oz. 1	dwt. 13	24374	3	20
	To Edward Croke Warehouskr. Recd of him Arcot Rupees 16,000 @ 340 pr. % Pagodas				4705	31	61
	To William Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore Recd of Him in full of his last month's Ballance in Pagodas 81 — — in fans. 7 21 —				88	21	—
	To William Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore Rec'd of Him in full of of his last Months Ballance in Pagodas 4 — — in fans. 34 5 10				38	5	10
	To Shadasheverow Bound Renter Recd of him for three Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. October last				883	12	—
	To Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea & Land Customer of Tevenepatam received of Him in full of his last Months Ballance in Pagodas. 61 — — in fanams. 8 9 16				69	9	16
	To Shadasheverow & Irshapa Chitty Beetle & Tobacco Farmers Rec'd of them for three Months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. November last				375	—	—
	To Profit & Loss gain'd by the Exchange of Pags. 1200 into Fanams @ 39, 29 Pr. Pagoda ..				108	12	—
				Pagods.	30592	22	27

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March 1st.	By Ballance from last Month in Pags. 10052 — — in fans. 1202 23 44				11254	23	44
30th.	By Account Salary Paid the Honble Company's Covenanted Servants for half a year ending the 25 Instant				491	9	31
	By Charles Floyer Paymaster advanc'd him to defray Charges Garrison & Buildings in Pags. 4400 infans. 1400				5800	—	—
	By Charles Floyer Paymaster advanc'd him to pay new Peons for this Month				3986	7	50
	By Alexander Wynch Storekeeper advanc'd him for Disbursements.				2000	—	—
					23532	4	45
	By Ballance carried forward in Pags. 5899 — — in fans. 1161 17 62				7060	17	62
				Pagods.	30592	22	27

Errors Excepted.

Pr.

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AT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 6

Present

JOHN HINDE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. CHARLES FLOYER.
WILLIAM HOLT. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Genl. Lre from Bengall.

General Letter No. 25 from the President & Council of Bengall Read, excusing themselves from the Negligence, We laid to their Charge in not sending us more timely Succours & advising us that in observance of our Request for a large Supply of Grain they had contracted with the Owners of the Jenny, Fort St. George & Prince of Orange for their whole Cargoes of Rice to be deliver'd at the Rate of One Hundred 100 Pagodas ℔ Madras Garce, which They hope will be a sufficient Supply for us. They likewise advise that They have sent us three Chests of Silver by the Jenny & ten thousand 10,000 Rupees by the Fort St. George, which is full as much as They can spare from their own Occasions, They also acquaint us that they have Engaged the Owners of the Ship Queen of Hungary [to let us have] the refusal of that Ships Cargo of Rice before they dispose of it at any other Place.

Genl. Lre to Vizagapatam with a Supply of Treasure.

Two good Conveyances offering to VIZAGAPATAM, AGREED that We send by each of them six Chests of Treasure to supply the Present Occasions of that Place as well as Ingeram & ORDERED that a General Letter be drawn out to the Chief & Council at VIZAGAPATAM to advise of the same.

[Fo]r the Britannia's [despatch] order'd to be got [all Papers]

ORDERED that all Papers be prepar'd with all Expedition for the Dispatch of the BRITANNIA.

Wareho.kr. delivers in his account Sale of the Damag'd Broad Cloth.

The Warehouskeeper delivers in his Account Sale of the Damaged Broad Cloth as mention'd in last Consultation & with it the Captain's Account Curr^{t}. which are ORDERED to be enter'd hereafter, & the Ballance due from Cap^{t}. Somner, amounting to One Hundred & fifty six Pagodas, One fan^{m}. & forty Cash (156. 1. 40) The Warehousekeeper is ORDERED to receive the same of Him.

Madras Conicoplys examin'd.

Several of the Madrass Conicoplys being arrived here, & more coming daily & our Honble Master's Accounts being all Lost at Madrass, AGREED that those People be examined carefully, to find out any Ballances that may be due to the Honble Company that the same may be duly collected.

Letter from Capt. John Thorp.

Captain John Thorp in the Ship Q[ueen] of Hungary being arrived here presents the Board with a [Letter] Representing his Engagement to the President & Council at [Ben]gall to proceed directly to this place & to make us a Tender [for] his Rice Cargo, In consequence of which, He had rejected an [Invi]tation He receiv'd off of Tranquebar to go into that Port where [he] was offer'd from 80 to 85 Pagodas Pr. Garce which He Refers to [our] Consideration & hopes that His owners may be no sufferers [there]by, the same being duly weighed it is thought very Cons[istent] with Reason to take his Cargo at the foregoing Price of 80 Pagod[as] which is acordingly AGREED to & his Letter ORDERED to be entered hereafter.

Customs on Grain order'd to be collected again.

The Place being now pretty plentifully Stock'd with Grain, AGREED that The usual Customs be again collected thereon.

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ORDERED that our Hoñble Masters Indulgence of four Pence in a Pagoda to all such as may have Occ[a]sion to pay Money into the Company's Cash [for] Bills of Exchange or Certificates be properly published & whatever Money is paid in before the Dispatch of this Ship, that the Bills be drawn accordingly.

Advice from Anjengo.

The Deputy Governor acquaints the board that He has receiv'd Advice from Anjengo that our Hoñble Master's Ship Lynn Cap^{t}. Gilbert arriv'd there the 19th. February that She left the Exeter at the Cape & parted with the Princess of Wales in a high S^{o}. Latitude but does not say particularly wher[e].

Bill of Exchange on the Company granted to Ensign Thomas Langford.

Ensign Thomas Langford offering to [pay into] the Hoñble Company's Cash One Hundred 100 Pagodas for [Bill] of Exchange the same is accepted & a Bill is accordingly dra[wn] out amounting to forty 40£ at 8 Shillings P^{r}. Pagoda.

EDW: CROKE.
CHARLES FFLOYER.
W. HOLT.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}*.

Dr. [Acct.] Cap [t]. John Somner. Cr.

[1747]

April.	To Prime Cost of the Damaged Goods amounting to as Pr. Account particulars	£	222	18	9			By Amount of the Account Sales	Pags.	488	18 —
	30 Pr. Ct. Advance ..		66	17	7½						
		£	289	16	4½ at						
	9 Shillings Pr. Pagoda				Pags.	644	1 40				
	To Cash paid the Crier					—	18 —	By Ballance		156	1 40
					Pag.	644	19 40		Pags.	644	19 40

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Fort St. David,
April the 6th. 1747.

Errors Excepted
Pr. Edward Croke.
Warehouskr.

— *APRIL 1747* —

ACCOUNT SALE OF DAMAGED GOODS RECEIVED FROM ON BOARD THE SHIP BRITANNIA BELONGING TO THE HONBLE COMPANY MADE IN FORT ST. DAVID APRIL THE 4TH. 1747.

		piece		
Rangapah ..	Broad Cloth ordny.	1	Pags. 14	9
Numshaviah Modellaree ..	Do.	1	10	[. . .]
Rangapah ..	Do.	1	1	[. . .]
Do. ..	Do.	1		[. . .]
Do. ..	Do.	1	10	[. . .]
Do. ..	Popinjay	1	13	[. . .]
Ninah ..	Do.	1	10	9
Rangapah ..	Do.	1	15	—
Do. ..	Do.	1	4	—
Milapah Chitty ..	Do.	1	14	—
Rangapah ..	Do.	1	13	—
Do. ..	Do.	1	8	—
Do. ..	Do.	1	12	—
Do. ..	Do.	1	8	—
Nangore Kistnah..	Do.	1	14	9
Rangapah ..	Do.	1	10	18
Ninah	Do.	1	14	[. . .]
Rangapah ..	Do.	1	10	
Milapah Chitty ..	Do.	1	11	[. . .]
Rangapah ..	Do.	1	10	[. . .]
Numshaviah Modellaree ..	Do.	1	13	[. . .]
Rangapah ..	Emerald Green	1	16	—
Do. ..	Do.	1	13	1 [. . .]
Do. ..	Do.	1	10	1 [. . .]
Verah Permall ..	Do.	1	17	9
Sadaheverow ..	Do.	1	18	—
Rangapah ..	Yellow	1	12	[9]
Vencattachellum..	Do.	1	10	1 [. . .]
Rangapah ..	Do.	1	10	—
Do. ..	Do.	1	9	—
Verah Permall ..	Broad Cloth Aurora	1	19	—
Sadasheverow ..	Do.	1	16	[. . .]
Do. ..	Do.	1	21	—
Linga Chitty ..	Perpetuanoes Yellow	2	4	—
Rangapah ..	Do.	4	6	—
Ninah ..	Do.	4	8	
Milapah Chitty ..	Do.	4	8	—
Nangore Kistnah.	Do.	4	9	—
Ninah ..	Do.	2	7	—
Singanah ..	Do. Red	2	14	—
Ninah ..	Do.	3	21	—
		58 Pieces.	Pags. 488	[..]

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

℔ EDWARD CRO[KE],
Warehousk[r].

— *APRIL 1747* —

To the Honble John Hinde Esqr.
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Just before We left Calcutta there came advice that this Settlement was in great Want of Grain upon which my Owners Ordered that I should not dispose of my Rice at any other Settlement but to proceed directly to Fort St. David there to make an Offer of my Rice to the Govr. & Council, I have had an Invitation into Tranquebar & the person that came off acquainted me I might have eighty 80 Pagodas pr. Garce & if clean good Rice, He believed I might get eighty five 85 My answer was, I could not dispose of any part of my Cargo, as I was to proceed to Fort St. David, On this Consideration I hope my Owners may not be any Sufferers which will greatly oblige

[For]t St. David
[Apr]il the 2d. 1747.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient hble. Servant
John Thorp.

At a Consultation

Present

Wednesday 15.

Messrs. Edward Croke. Chas. Floyer.
Alexander Wynch. Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

[Deputy Governour de[parts] this Life he resigns his Right & F[lo]yer succeeds to the Govr. [ship].

To our great misfortune Our Govr. Mr. Hinde departing this Life last Night, We met in Consultation early at the Fort this Morning, when Mr. Edward Croke deliver'd in a Paper notifying that upon Mr. Hinde's Death the Management of the Government falls to Him, but He takes leave to lay before the Board, that being far advanc'd in Years & in a very ill state of Health it disenables him from taking so heavy a Charge on Him & therefore Refers that Succession to Mr. Charles Floyer which being unanimously Agreed to, He now takes that Charge upon Him & Mr. Croke's Representation is Ordered to be enter'd hereafter.

Inhabitants and Officers of the Place order'd to be summoned.

Ordered that the Secretary summons the Inhabitants of the Place, & the Officers of the Garrison to meet in the Fort tomorrow Morning, that His Consultation may be publickly Read before them.

The Corps of the Deceas'd Deputy Governour to be interr'd this Evening.

Agreed that the Corps of the Deceas'd be interr'd this Evening & that He have the proper Ceremonies paid to his Ceremony as is due to the Station He was in & that We go from Hence to Commodore Griffin to acquaint him of [the] Appointment & to beg the favour of Him to Honour the Cor[ps] with his presence & whom else He pleases to bring with Hi[m] of the Gentlemen of the Squadron.

Edw: Croke.
Charles ffloyer.
W. Holt.
Ar. Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

To the Gentlemen of Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

Since our Misfortune in losi[ng our]late Governour Mr. Hinde, it devolves upon me to succeed in [the] Management of the Government, but I now take leave to lay [before] you my being far in years & in a very ill state of Health [dis]enables

me taking so heavy a Charge on me, therefore I re[fer the] succession to Mr. Charles Floyer who is next to me in Sta[tus] & I shall take care to perform my duty in my present Em[ploy] & Remain with Respect.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 15TH. APRIL 1747.

GENTLEMEN
Your most obedt. humble [Servant]
EDWARD CRO[KE].

THURSDAY 16.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*
ALEXANDER WYNCH. WILLIAM HOLT.

Inhabitants &] Officers of the Garrison meet & are publickly acquainted with Mr. Floyer's Succession to the Chair.

Agreable to the Result in yesterday's Consultation, The Inhabitants of the Place & Officers of the Garrison were summoned to appear this Morning, when They accordingly met & the Paragraph of the said Consultation relating to Mr. Floyer's Succession to the Government was publickly read before them, & the Keys of ye. Garrison were thereupon deliver'd to his Charge.

Cash account read Ballance prod[uced] & referr'd to Charles Floyer Esq.

The Government being now settled, the Cash Account is produced & the Ballance drawn out as enter'd hereafter, by which it appears there is a Ballance due therefrom of one thousand, eight Hundred & thirty nine Pagodas, eighteen fanams & eighteen Cash (1839. 18. 18) which is Referred over to the Worship[l]. Charles Floyer Esqr. & ORDERED to be carried forward.

Vacancy in the Council [re]gula[ted]

As this Alteration occasions a Vacant Employ in the Council the same is now taken into Consideration & regulated as follows.

Mr. Edward Croke to remain Warehousekeeper & Accomptant & Mr. William Holt being desirous to continue his Employ of Sea & Land Customer of Cuddalore He is indulg'd therein.

Mr. Alexr. Wynch appointed Paymaster in the Room of Mr. Floyer and

Mr. Thomas Cooke Junr. is ORDERED to take Charge of the Storehouse & to continue Tevenepatam Customer & Secretary.

The Board now AGREED to Rise and adjourn to the Chamber of the deceased Deputy Governor & there to search among his Papers whether there be any Will.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, [*Junr.*].

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANYS CASH.

— APRIL. 1747 —

Dr.					Cr.			
April 1st. 1747.	To Ballance	7,060	17	62	April 11 1747	By New House & Ground paid Capt. Morgan for the Purchase thereof ..	2,000	0	0
4th.	To Account Current London received of Thomas Langford for a Bill of Exchange	100	0	0		By William Belsches Agent for the sick & Wounded paid by order of Commodore Griffin	1,000	0	0
		7,160	17	62	12	By Andeapah advanc'd Acct. of Salem Cloth	4,000	0	0
16	To Ballance due to Estate of John Hinde Esqr. & referred to Charles Floyer Esqr.	1,839	18	18		By Charles Floyer Paymaster advanc'd him for Disbursements	2,000	0	0
	Pags. ..	9,000	0	0		Pags. ..	9,000	0	0

ERRORS EXCEPTED
PR. CHARLES FFLOYER.

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AT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY THE 18TH.

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

[Two Genl.] Lres from Bengall & three from Vizagapatam.

Two General Letters from the President & Council of Bengall under the 5th Ultimo Read, the Contents of which are as Entered in our Letter Book Received Nº. 26 & 27.

Three General Letters from VIZAGAPATAM are likewise Read as entered Nº. 28, 29, 30.

[Will of] deceasd's Deputy [Governo]ur found.

Having AGREED in last Consultation to search for a Will of the deceas'd Deputy Governour, the same was done accordingly, & a Will found nominating Nicholas Morse Esqr. his Executor, Upon which the Board thought proper to direct that a Copy might be taken of the same to be transmitted Mr. Morse at Tranquebar & to wait his Answer thereon the Governour now acquaints the Board that He forwarded the same yesterday Morning.

[Letter] to the Commdrs. of the [English] Compys Ships [at Ba]tavia.

The [Gove]rnour acquainting the Board that there is a Dutch Vessel Ready to sail for Batavia, It is thought proper to send a Letter by her as entered hereafter to the Commanders of any of the English Company's Ships that may be at that Place to direct all such as are bound for the Coast & Bay that they immediately repair hither for the Relief of this Settlement.

[Letter] to Vizagapatm

AGREED that a General Letter be drawn out to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam to advise of the Death of Mr. Hinde & that We send them a Supply of six Chests of Treasure & some other Articles, In Compliance to their Indents & that We will send them more as soon as in our power.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

TO THE COMMANDER OF ANY
OF THE COMPANY'S SHIPS AT
BATAVIA OUTWARD BOUND,
DESIGNED FOR COAST & BAY.

SIR

Our late Deputy Governour Mr. Hinde having departed this Life the 14th. Instant & Mr. Edward Cro[ke] having Relinquished his Right to the Succession, The Governme[nt of] this place as well as the Management of Affairs on this Coast, [after the] Loss of Madrass have devolved on Mr. Charles Floyer &ca. Co[uncil] as subscribed hereto, By Virtue of which, as We have had bu[t one] Ship call upon this Coast this past Season & being exceeding[ly in want] of all Sorts of Stores as well as Money, We require you immediate[ly on] the Receipt hereof, to repair to this place, where Commodore Grif[fin is] with his Majesty's Squadron, We order You in be[half] of the H[oñble] Company, not to fail th[er]ein or go anywhere else, We would have [you] fall in [with this plan] as near as You can, without

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making Zelo[an] Leave this Letter [beh]ind You to be given to the Captain of any of [the] Company's Ships that may arrive after you. DATED in F[ORT] ST. DAVID this 18th. Day of April 1747.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

AT A CONSULTATION — TUESDAY THE 21.

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. — WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. — THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

[Ship] Lapwing arrives [from] Europe.

At 8 o Clock this Morning came to an Anchor in this Road, our Honble Masters Ship Lapwing from Europe & We hear has been 3 Months & 20 Days on her Passage.

[Pac]ket open'd & the [Company's] Genl. Lre read.

The packet from the Lapwing being just now come to Hand, the same is now opened & the Company's general Letter Read, By which We find this Ship is ORDERED to proceed for Bencoolen with all Expedition with the Remaining Bales & what other Supplies may be useful at that place, AGREED that We prepare to dispatch her Accordingly.

[Order] to Capt. [Cheyne].

AGREED that an Order be drawn out & delivered to Capt. Cheyne as Enter'd hereafter, to direct him to land his Treasure, Military &ca. as soon as possible.

[Ware]ho.kr. delivers in his [rep]ort.

The Warehousekeeper delivers in a Report representing that as [the price] of Paddy is now so considerably Rose as from Pags. 30 to 50 ℔ Garce, He has by that means been a sufferer of one Hundred, fifty nine Pagodas, sixteen Fanams 159. 16 in the Conjee that has been used in the Company's Cloth for these two Months past He therefore Refers the same to our Consideration & requests that it may be paid him which is granted & his Report ORDERED to be enter'd hereafter.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

TO CAPT. FRANCIS CHEYNE
COMMANDER OF SHIP LAPWING.

SIR

You are hereby directed to send on shore what Treasure You have on board your Ship consigned for FORT St. GEORGE as likewise Military by the Boats that will be now sent you & to use all possible Expedition therein Dated in FORT ST. DA[VID] this 21st. Day of April 1747.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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The Warehousekeeper Reports that whereas [paddy] was usually sold at Pagodas 30 or under Pr. Garce, the present price [is] about pagodas fifty 50 which Difference causes a greater Expen[ce for] Conjeeing the Honble Company's Callicoes, in Long Cloth amoun[ting] to little Fanams 8 ℔ Corge & in Salampores 4 Fanams ℔ Corge [The] Difference upon four Hundred & thirteen 413 Bales for four [Months] amounts to One Hundred & fifty nine Pagodas & sixteen Fanams He therefore desires & Hopes your Worship &ca. will allow Him accor[ding] to the abovementioned account for the two last Months, during which [time] He has been at the said extraordinary Charge, & for so long as Padd[y] shall continue dear, & as the Grain abates in the Price the Conjeei[ng] shall be charged accordingly.

Fort St. David,
March the 30th. 1747.

To the Worshl. Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. David.

Worshipl. Sir & Sirs

The foregoing Report I shewed our late Governour Mr. [Hinde] but He desired to defer it on account of his Indisposition which prevented him discoursing on Business & as that Gentleman is deceased I must now take liberty to represent it to the Board, & further to inform your Worship &ca. That, as Customary last year, I bought in as large a Quantity of conjeeing Paddy as I could procure & was in Hopes, as in Usual Years, to have provided a fresh Supply in the Months of February & March, but when the premention'd Paddy was expended in January, I found such a Vast Scarcity of the said paddy occasioned by the Moor's Camp, the additional Inhabitants & drowthy Season, which made the Difference in the Prices above Represented, therefore I hope my [rea]sonable Report, will meet with your Worship &ca. Compliance & am wi[th respect]

[Fort] St. David,
April the 21st. 1747.

Worshipl. Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servant
Edward Croke.

[Th]urs-day the 23.

At a Consultation

Present

Charles Floyer Esqr. Governour.
Edward Croke. William Holt.
Alexander Wynch. Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

[General] Lre to Bengall.

An English Vessel being on her Departure to Bengall, It is thought a good Opportunity to forward the Company's Packets for that Presidency, The same is therefore Agreed & that a General Letter be drawn out to the President & Council there to advise thereof, & to acknowledge the Receipt of their late favours as also to inform them of the Death of Mr. Hinde & of the Succession of Mr. Charles Floyer.

Genl. Lre to Vizagapm. with a Supply of Treasure.

Another Conveyance offering to Vizagapatam Agreed to send a farther Supply of six Chests of Rupees to that place that a General Letter be drawn out to advise of the same.

Genl. Lres to Bombay, Tellicherry & Anjengo.

General Letters to Bombay, Tellicherry & Anjengo also drawn out to give them the foregoing Account & to advise of the Arrival of the Lapwing & inclosing a List of Ships taken up by our Honble Masters for the Use of their Trade this year.

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C[ap]t. Osborne of the Late Ship PRINCESS MARY having tak[en] his passage for Europe by this Ship has Requested the Board to advance Him four Hundred 400 Pagodas to defray his Expences in the Voyage, the same is AG[REED] to be paid Him, He having promised to be accountable to the C[ompany] for the like Sum on his Arrival in England & AGREEING [to give] three Receipts for the same. Capt. Osborne requests a Supply of money which is granted.

Captain John Somner hav[ing] tendered us a Letter requesting a Supply of Money for the Expe[nces] of that Ship, as by the Terms of her Charter Party, It is AGREED [to] advance Him two thousand 2000 Pagodas for that Account, & OR[DERED] that proper Certificates be taken of Him for the same [as] likewise his Letter be enter'd hereafter. 2000 Pagodas advanc'd Capt. Somner for the Use of Ship Britannia.

Mr. William Orme, One of [the] Writers from Madrass being out of Employ Presents the B[oard] with a Petition that He may have permission to depart to B[engall] which is granted Him & his Request entered hereafter. Mr. Willm. Orme requests permission to go to Bengall which is granted.

Alexander Wynch Paym[aster] Requesting to be advanced fifteen Hundred 1500 Pagodas for [disburs]ments, the same is AGREED to be paid him. Paymaster & Store-keeper advanc'd.

Thomas Cooke Junr. Storek[eeper] Requesting to be advanc'd one Hundred 100 Pagodas for Disbur[sment] the same is now paid him.

The Governour acquaints the Bo[ard] that He received a Letter from Mr. Morse this Morning, in Ans[wer] to what We wrote Him under the 17th. Instant Relating to Mr. Hin[de's] Will nominating him his Executor to which He replies that the Terrible Disaster which has happened to the Coast, will not permit him to be so serviceable to Mr. Hinde's Affairs, as they m[ay] require & therefore desires it may be inserted in Consultatio[n] that He absolutely Renounces the trust therein mention'd in all & every Respect. Mr. Morse refuses to take charge of Mr. Hinde's Effects.

The Board being acquainted with the foregoing Circumstances It is proposed to appoint some Persons of the Council to take Charge of Mr. Hinde's Effects & to act as his Executors, whereupon the Governour & Mr. Alexander Wynch offering to undertake that Office, They are thought the properest Persons as being better acquainted with his private Affairs than any other, the same being therefore AGREED to, They accept of it acc[ordi]ngly. The Governour & Mr. Wynch take Charge of the deceas'd Deputy Govrs. Estate.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

[THE] HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
[GOVE]RNOUR &Ca. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our Ships Stock being all expended, Request of your Honour &ca. Council the Supply of Cash, that may be sufficient to defray the Expences of the Ship as mention'd in Charter Party. I am

FORT ST. DAVID
APRIL THE 23D. 1747.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servt.
JOHN SOMNER.

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To the Worsh[l]. Charles Floyer Esq[r].
Governour &c[a]. Council of
Fort S[t]. David.

Worsh[l]. Sir & Sirs

As I am at present no ways serviceable to my Hoñble Masters & my affairs calling me down to [Ben]gall, I humbly beg your Permis[sion] to depart hence.

In granting this Request you [will] greatly oblige.

Fort S[t]. David
the 22[d]. April 1747.

Worsh[l]. Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble [Servant]
William Orm[e].

Satur-
day
25th.

At a Consultation

Present

Charles Floyer Esq[r]. Govern[our.]
Edward Croke. William H[olt.]
Alexander Wynch. Thomas [Cooke, *Jun[r].*]

Mr. Jones delivers in a Report, Plan and Estimate of the new Works on hand.

M[r]. George Jones having be[en asked] by the late Deputy Governour to survey our Fortificat[ion &] Report the necessity of commencing on the new Works reco[mmended] to us by Commodore Griffin, as mention'd in Consultation [of the] 30[th]. Ultimo & likewise to give his own Opinion thereon, He now [proba]bly presents the board with the same as also with a Plan & Esti[mate] of the several Alterations as therein specified, the former being [...] & taken into our serious Consideration, In Consequence of the Reasons offer'd to our [Notice] & more particularly as this Design has been approved off & [found] convenient by M[r]. Griffin, the Board in general are of opin[ion] that these Works ought to be carried on with the utmost Vigo[ur] & expedition in Order that they may be greatly forwarded bef[ore] the Monson sets in, therefore Agreed to, & proper Persons Ordered to be appointed to oversee the Workmen for the more speedy Dispatch.

Ordered that M[r]. Jones's Report & Estimate be entered hereafter.

[Supp]lies Agreed to be sent [to West] Coast ℔ Lapwing,

Our Hoñble Master's Ship Lapwing being designed for the West Coast, Agreed that We forward her Dispatch as [much] as possible & that We send by her as far as She can take in the foll[owing] Necessaries Viz[t].

20 Barrels of Gunpowder.
600 Bags of Rice.
5 Garse or 20 Tonns of Salt.
40 Duppers of Ghee.
20 or 30 Jarrs of Oil.
50 Bales of Cloth.
4000 Gunney Bags.

It is likewise proposed that as soon as Cap[t]. Somner signifies [that] He cannot take in any more Bales, that as many as remain ready [with] the fifty 50 Bales intended for the Consumption of the West Coast be immediately loaded on board the Lapwing with Part of the aforemention'd Necessaries & that the Remainder be sent by the Fanny Sloop as soon as possible after.

Charles ffloyer.
Edw: Croke.
W. Holt.
A[r]. Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Jun[r].*

— *APRIL 1747* —

To Charles Floyer Esq[r].
Governour & the Gentlemen of
Council at Fort St[r]. David.

Worship[l]. Sir & Sirs

Our late Governour M[r]. Hinde some time ago was pleas'd to compliment my judgment so far as to ask my Opinion of what I thought would add to the Strength of this Fort & render it tenable against the [Fort] of our neighbouring [Enemies] at Pondicherry; In Obedien[ce] to his Commands, I projec[ted a] Plan which now I have the Honour to lay before you, [and I would] inform You, that I have been so happy as to have the Desi[gns of the] new works which it contains approv'd off By Commodor[e Griffin] whose Skill & Experience will I am persuaded influence [the Car]rying it into Execution beyond all Arguments which [I am able] to use, nevertheless You will permit me to give you the bes[t reasons] I can, in support of what I am engaged in & I am to request [. . .] wherever You may find them defective, that You [will] judge [favour]ably of me, since I have not been bred this Way, & Consequ[ently] cannot be entitu[led (*sic*) to] any great Knowledge in Affairs of [the fu]ture.

Fort St[r]. David in [its] Construction is but a small, irregular Fortress, yet sufficie[nt in] my opinion to withstand the Forces of a Nabob or a Moratt[a] but the Enemies We have now to oppose are too well skilled [in the] Art of War not to know its Weakness & defects which I wi[ll] endeavour to point out to you & then offer what I judge [as] necessary to remedy them.

It's Situation is upon a sma[ll] [emi]nence & surrounded with a Fausse Bray & a Ditch of fifty foot neither of which has hitherto been compleated; but admitting both were, the Fort would still be too weak to make a defen[ce of] any duration, was an Enemy lodged either at the place [where the] Roman Church now stands, or amongst the Houses in the [. . .] way, for from those places the Western Flank of the NE[t]. [*sic*] [Basti]on & the Northern Flank of the SW[t]. Bastion are both ali[ke &] exposed to almost a Rectangular fire from the Besiegers, in th[at] Case, none but the Flank Guns which they are endeavouring to dismount can be brought to bear upon them, & they in number, One in the first & Two in the second for none of the Guns on the N.E. N.W. nor S.W. Bastions, owing to their obtuse forms, can be of the least Service, These Flanks Rendered useless, no other, can enfilade any Approaches, so 'tis reasonable to conclude, the next Step the Enemy will take is to make a Lodgement in the Covert Way, & then 'tis to be presumed the Situation of the besieged will become somewhat desperate, On the other Hand N.E. of the Fort are [some s]mall Sand Hills, A Lodgement there lays open the Eastern Flank [of] the N.W. Bastion & the Northern Flank of S.E. Bastion, & the Consequences pretty much the same as what has been said of the Roman Church & Collaway, The River washing the South Side of the Fort, not b[ein]g fordable, I shall for the Present reckon that the Strongest Side.

Now considering the Fort small as it is, full of Buildings with terrass'd Roofs for receiving the Company's Wares, Stores Merchandize & Lodgings for their Servants, We are to dread all the bad Effects that can be imagined from a Bombardment, our Enemies are too sensible of it, & that Way We may be sure to be annoyed by them, the first time they have [an] Opportunity of approaching us in safety, They experimentally know We are unequal to them in the Field, They know also that our Bales, Cloths, Junk, Oakum, Pitch, Tar, Brimstone & Saltpetre & every other think [*sic*] which is Combustible, They know the Casern is no bigger other than barely to contain the number of Men that may be off duty, & lastly they must be sensible what a Panick will seize People to have fires breaking out Constantly in so circumscrib'd a Place as that in which We must be pent up during a Bombardment. [Gl]ace in the Fort,

A better Capacity than mine I dare say would carry this much farther & point out many more defects than I am able to do, tho' I could name several, besides those abovemention'd, but I decline tireing or troubling you with any more, since

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I am off [*sic*] a steadfast Belief what I have said will be duly weighed & as due Measures enter'd upon for the Preservation of the Settlement, & therefore I will proceed to lay before You, what in my humble Opinion, will in a great measure tend to & I hope totally destroy, all Attempts of our Enemies, & thereby preserve to the Company so much of their possessions as now remain on the Coast of Coromandel.

The clear Space from the Fort to the Church and E^{t}. end of the Collaway may be computed at most 500 Yards, at this Dis[ta]nce, Batteries of heavy Cannon will both Batter & break; fewer Traverses need be made & of Course less time will be spent in approaches than if the Distance was greater, The Bombardire so nearly situated will also give his Mortars so much more Elevation that the Descent of the Shell will have the greater Velocity, & in this Case I need not mention the Danger of your Magazines Caserns &c^{a}. & the only Way to remove these Evils farther off is [to level] the Church, Colloway & [Buil]dings thereabouts for full [800 ya]rds or more & the like Space tow[ards] Tevenepatam.

It may [be] said this will not save us from a Bombardment, nor prevent the Enemy from opening the Ground or carr[ying] on their Approaches, the same [F]lanks will still be as much expo[sed] after an Advance of three Hundred 300 Yards is made & [B]omb[ardment] still as liable to make fire as before, It is upon these Supp[ositions] [Gen]tlemen, that the Outworks designed are the more necess[ary to] leave to begin with the Hornwork, as for its Dimensio[ns I shall] Refer you to scale & Compass, & shall only say [that] it [will require] One Hundred & forty 140 Yards of firm Cassim[. . .] Guns from the Curtains thereof, will enfilade any Appr[oach to the] Collaway the [Eastern] Bastion scours all the plain fr[om Tevena]patam Gate NorthW^{t}. ward the East Curtain & W^{t}.ern [. . .] thereof answers the same End in Respect to the Sand [Hills] already spoke off; 'twill not only cover the N^{o}.ern Curt[ain and the] two exposed Flanks on the N.E. & N.W. Bastions, It will [also] be a Work capable of defending itself but defends & is [. . .] by the Fort, & will mount 24 Pieces of Cannon, here [with case]mated Arsenals enough to contain all those Articles [. . .] now exposed in the Fort, with Lodgings for the Guards & the [. . .] within itself, the more Guns that can be brought to enfilade an[. . .] with more difficulty & greater Loss He carries on his Works for [. . .] as well as for the Security of the Flanks that I have laid [down...] Lunettes, One in the Ditch to the W^{t}.ward & the other on the E^{t}.side of the [. . .] These Answer all the Ends of the Horn work, tho' not in so extensive a [manner] As this cannot defend itself so well; They will be both casemated & serve [for] Storehouses, Prisons, & many more purposes, They will mount 12 Guns [. . .] & as I said before will have all the properties of Defence & being defen[ded] as such Works will admit off, these three Works will have four Magazin[es] for Powder large enough to receive one hundred & fifty 150 Barrels each, which will greatly contribute to the Safety of the Fort whose Magazine is not altogether so trust Worthy, The Advantages of the Covert Way & Glacis, are understood by every one & nothing more need be said in their Commendation than they are of incomparable Service wherever they are lin'd out, it would not be amiss to inform You that Tevenepatam River (I know no other Name for it) turn[ing] in a Bed of [eight] foot deep & 16 wide quite round the Foot of the Glacis wou[ld] add so much [to the] Strength of the place in General, as would more than infi[...]ly countervail the Expence of turning so small a Brook, It would give m[e] great pleasu[re] were I sure that this Work would meet the Approbation [of] the Gentlemen in England & nothing would increase it more than to [secure] some very able Hand sent from thence as it is so highly necessary to have su[ch] Works skilfully executed.

You will do the Hoñble Company great Service to in[form] the Indents for Mortars, [Shells] & Artillery, there are but a small Number [of] Guns in Garrison, fit for Service & I am afraid when those few Shells that [are] here come to be proved, Many will be thrown aside as Useless.

And now, Gentlemen, I hope You will believe tha[t] what I have said, ought to have some Weight, since I profess to You I a[m induc]ed to do it by no other Motive than the Love I bear my Country and the [duty] I owe the East India Company to which I have still that Attachment, [as] to enter myself a Voluntier under

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You for the Remainder of the Time [of my] stay in India & exert myself to the Utmost of my Abilities in furt[hering] their Interest & preservation of their Properties I AM with gre[at respect].

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 25TH. APRIL 1747.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble [servant]
GEORGE JONES.

AN ESTIMATE OF THE EXPENCE BUILDING THE OUTWORKS AT FORT ST. DAVID ACCORDING TO THE PLAN WHEREIN THE NEW DESIGNS ARE DRAWN IN YELLOW, EXTRACTED FROM A GENERAL CALCULATE OF THE WHOLE WORK.

HORNWORK Digging Materials, Masonry and Labourers	Pags. 40291	—	—
LUNETTE to the Westward, Digging Materials Masonry & Labourers	18120	—	—
LUNETTE to the Eas[tward] Digging Materials, Masonry, & Labourers	15278	—	—
MOAT, widening from fift[y to] an Hundred Feet, Digging, Materials, Masonry & Labourers for the Counterscarp, Places of Arms, on the Covert Way, laying the Glacis &ca.	12041	—	—
	Pags. [8]5730	—	—

AT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 27.

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH THOMAS COOK[E *Junr.*].

[De]livers in a Report [examin]ing Dimitties.

Edward Croke Warehousekeep[er delivers] in a report Representing that upon Examination of the Dimitties [provided] by Irshapah Chitty on the Hoñble Company's Account this last Year [. . .] Many of them considerably worse than the Muster, & that the Numb[ers] they are tender'd at are very unequal, He therefore Requests that We wi[ll] be pleas'd to look over them as likewise to appoint proper Persons to make an Estimate of their Value, ORDERED that the same be accordingly done & that his Report be enter'd hereafter.

Bill drawn on Bengall in favaur of Mr. Luke Scrafton.

Mr. Luke Scrafton a Young Gentleman that came out on the BRITANNIA to be a Writer at Bengall Having the Sum of ninety (90) Pounds in the Hands of Capt. Somner which by Bond is made payable to ye. Hoñble John Forster Esqr. on his account, He requests that as Capt. Somner does not proceed to Bengall that We will receive [the] aforesaid Sum into the Hoñble Company's Cash & that We will draw [a] Bill of Exchange on the President & Council of Bengall for the same [payable] to Mr. Forster on his account; This being taken into Consideration [& Capt.] Somner being willing to pay in the amount thereof, AGREED to [re]ceive it & to give the Captain a proper certificate for the same.

Letter from some of the Madrass Company's Servants.

Several Young Gentlemen in the [Com]pany's Service from Madrass present the Board with an Add[ress] repre[senting] some Arrears that were due to them before they left th[at place] [r]equesting that the same may be paid them, but as many others are entitled to the like Demand AGREED to defer any such Payment till [We] hear the Company's Directions thereon, & ORDERED that [the] Letters be entered hereafter.

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[Cou]ncil of War Summoned.

The Board discoursing on some [ma]terial Affairs that may be necessary to be undertaken for the Disci[pline] & preservation of the Garrison It is AGREED to summons [*sic*] the Council [thi]ther with all the Lieutenants as Likewise the Gunner & M^r^. Geo: Pon[...] to meet at a Council of War the Day after tomorrow Also AGREED [that] We request the Favour of Comodore Griffin to be present & to give us his Assistance on [that] Occasion.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
A^B^. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, [*Jun^r^.*]

TO THE WORSHIPFUL CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^R^.
GOVERNOR &C^A^. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T^. DAVID.

WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS

I take the Liberty to represent to your Worship &c^a^. that Irshapah Chitty, having been employed to provide for the Hoñble Company 200 Pieces of Dimitties, he ought as usual to have brought the same in when brown for the Governor & Councils View & that I might sort the same & put the Company's Chop upon them, all which I have frequently advised him off, but could never obtain a Sight of the said Goods, 'till a Day or two ago, for now upon the Dispatch of the Ship, He has brought the said Goods ready cured, which is a very improper Condition to judge the true Fabrick of the Cloth, However I haveing overlooked them find in N^o^. 1 different Sorts w[hile] acco[rding] to Irshapah Chitty's Value put on them from $10\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 [...] makes the pieces turn out one w[ith] another Pag^s^. 11. 4. 54 & [...] Number 2 different Sorts whic[h ac]cording to his Value put [on] them from 7 to 8 Pagodas makes [the pieces] one with another turn out Pag^s^. 7. 10. 50 but as I thi[nk] they are not worth that Money, lest I may incur displea[sure] If they should be judg'd so by our Hoñble Masters, I take [Liberty] to request your Worship &c^a^. will be pleas'd to look upon the [same] & appoint proper Persons to estimate them [so] that those piec[es] that don't come up to Irshapah Chitty's Prices may, agreable to M^r^. Hind[e's] Directions to me be turned out, I am with respect

FORT S^T^. DAVID,
APRIL THE 25, 1747.

WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient hñble Servant
EDWARD CROKE,
Wareh[ouse K^r^.]

TO THE WORSH^L^. CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^R^.
GOVERNOR &C^A^. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T^. DAVID.

WORSH^L^. SIR & SIRS

The Hoñble Company being indebted to us our Diet allowance for the Months of September & [October] We are to request your Worship &c^a^. will please to discharge the [same] being with respect

[FORT] S^T^. DAVID,
[27]^TH^. APRIL 1747.

WORSH^L^. SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Ser[vants]
JOHN PYBUS.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
GEORGE DRAKE.
EDMUND MASKELYNE.

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To the Worshl. Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governor &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Worshipful Sir & Sirs

The Honble Company being indebted to us [for] one Month's Diet Allowance, We request Your Worship &ca. will [be] pleased to discharge the same being with the Greatest Respect

Fort St. David
[27]th. April 1747.

Worshipful Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Robert Clive.
Philip Bulkley.

At a Council of War held at Fort St. David 29th. April 1747.

Present

Charles Floyer Esqr. Governor.

Edward Croke.	William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.	Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*
John De M[org]an.	John Hollond.
John C[rompton].	John Rodolph.
Philip Baker.	George Jones.

Buildings within 800 Yds. [of] the Fort Ordered to be levell'd.

The Council having taken into [Considera]tion the Preservation of Fort St. David by levelling [buildings] & other incumberances to prevent a Lodgement from the Enemy [at] a proper distance from the Garrison & having heard the several Op[inions] of the Members of the Council, it was the Opinion of [all] that every thing should be made level at the Distance of eight Hundred 800 Yards fr[om] the Fort & no Bu[il]dings are to be raised within sixteen Hundred 1600 Yards of the same [&] Mr. Wynch, Mr. Baker, & Mr. Jones are desired to measure the Ground & appoint a proper Place for the black Inhabitants (whose Houses are levelled) to build upon as soon as possible.

Articles of War ordered to be put in Execution.

And whereas it has been represented to the Council that for want of Military Discipline having been strictly carried on in this Garrison for some time past, several Abuses have cre[pt] into the Military for some time past to the manifest prejudice [of] the [Ser]vice they are employed upon they have therefore for the prevent[ion of the] like for the future, directed By Virtue of his Majesty's Charter (Page) [...] the Copy wherein they are of Opinion they are authorized so to do, [that] the Officers commanding the said Military, do make extracts out of the Land Articles of War established by his Majesty in Council, & not only cause the same to be read to the Soldiers at proper times, but to put such part of the same, as they or any of them shall offend against strictly in Execution on the Persons of the said Offenders & that the said Officers in conjunction with Mr. Baker & Mr. Jones deliver to the Governor & Council as soon as possible a Report of what is or may be necessary to be done to put the Fort in the best posture of Defence they can think off.

In witness whereof We have hereunto set our Hands in Fort St. David this 29th. Day of April 1747.

Charles ffloyer.
Edw: Croke.
W. Holt.
Ar. Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, [*Junr.*]

The Abovemention'd Council of War was held in the Presence of Commodore Griffin & Mr. Robert Lenox Who have given it as their Opinion that We put the above Result into immediate Execution.

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Wednesday 29th.

At a Consultation

Present

Charles Floyer Esqr. Govern[our.]
Edward Croke. William [Ho]lt.
Alexander Wynch. Thoma[s Coo]ke, *Junr.*

[Storekee]per reports concerning [the] short delivery of [Stores] from ye. Britannia.

Alexander Wynch late Storekeeper Reports to the Board that Capt. Somner has delivered short several Stores which upon his often asking the Captain for, He promised that He would pay for them before He went away, but that yesterday He received a Letter from his Purser wrote by his Order wherein He mentions that for the Reasons He gives Us He can by no means consent to his Paying the same in India; It is therefore Ordered that the Quantity that is short delivered be mention'd on the Back of his Bill of Lading and that Account Current London be debted for the same, Also that We Advise our Honble Masters thereof, The Pursers Letter & a List of the deficient Stores are entered hereafter.

Whokr. reports concerning Dimitties.

The Warehouskeeper Reports that agreable to an Order of Consultation of the 27th. Past, He appointed proper Persons to sort the Dimitties brought in by Irshapah Chitty & that He has taken of No. 1, 88 Pieces amounting one with another to Pags. 11. 15. 76 each an[d has] Rejected 12 Pieces & of No. 2 He has taken 68 [Pieces] amounting one with another to Pags. 7. 16. 54 & has Rejected of [...] Sort 32 Pieces & that most of the rejected Pieces are greatly inferiour to ye. Prices Irshapah Chitty has put upon th[em] The Warehouskeeper therefore Requests they may be returned [to] them.

Protest against Capt. Somner.

Captain Somner having intimated to us that His Ship is full & that He can take in no more, Agreed that as We find what Has been laden on board [does] not amount to her Charter Party Tonnage by Tonns 52 12 3 25 that We Protest against [Him] for all Damages that may accrue to the Honble Company from that Deficiency.

	Qr.	lb.

[Orde]red on ship [Brit]annia.

Ordered that the Paymaster & Gunner do go on board the Britannia to survey her Men & Warlike Stores & to deliver in a List of the same.

Capt. So[mner or]der'd to receive [Fren]ch Prisoners.

Agreed that an Order be tendered Capt. Somner to receive on board ten French Prisoners & [that] the Terms He is to take them on be specified therein.

Papers for the Britannia's Dispatch order'd to be prepar'd.

The Britannia being fully loaded, [Or]dered that all papers Relating to her Dispatch be prepa[red] with all Diligence.

Whokrs. Acct. Read.

Edward Croke Warehouskeeper Rea[d] his Account for last Month, Ballance due from Him [one] Hundred, ninety two Pagodas, Thirty one Fanams, and thirty Cash (192. 31. 30) Which He is Ordered to car[ry] forward.

Paym. Account Read.

Alexander Wynch Paymaster reads that Account for last Month Vizt.

Charges Garrison	Pags.	2667	10	18
Hospital charges		44	9	10
Peons & servants wages		4455	9	4[...]
Charges general		179	5	2[...]
Charges extraordinary		710	7	[8]
[Forti]fications & repairs		1399	5	1[4]
[N]ew fortifications		1688	21	4[4]
Pondicherry War		116	18	—
Charges Cattle		50	—	—
Charges Diet		264	—	—
General Table		90	21	[40]
Household necessaries		113	21	[40]
	Pags.	11778	21	[...]

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Ballance due from him three Hundred eighty seven Pagodas, seventeen Fanams & sixty Cash 387. 17. 60 which He is Ordered to carry forward & the particul[ars] of the extraordinary Expence is Ordered to be entered hereafter. Extra Expence.

William Holt Sea & Land Customer [of Cuddalore] reads those accounts for last Month, Ballance due from hi[m. in] former fifteen Pagodas, three Fanams & sixty Cash 15. 3. 60 [and] the latter Forty five Pagodas, eight fanams & sixty four Cash [45.]8. 64 both which Sums He now pays in. [Land cus]trs. Accts. read.

Thomas Cooke Jun[r]. for M[r]. Alexander Wynch Storekeeper reads that account for last Month, Ballance due to him eight Hundred, sixty one Pagodas, one fanam & eighteen Cash, 861. 1. 18 which is ORDERED to be now paid him. [Stor ekee]per's Acct. read.

Thomas Cooke Jun[r]. Sea & Land Customer of Tevenepatam reads those Account for last Month, Ballance due from Him thereon being ten Pagodas, fourteen Fanams, & eight Cash (10. 14. 8) which He now pays in. [Sea & land] Custr's Acct. read.

The Warehouskeeper pays into Cash thirty four thousand, thirteen Pagodas, twenty five Fanams & twenty Cash (34013. 25. 20) being the amount of thirteen

	lb.	oz	dwts.
Chests of Silver Pz.	3729	6	6

sold at $14\frac{15}{16}$ Dollars P[r] 10 Pagodas.

Tondroy Pillah & Narain Chitty Arrack Farmers pay into Cash two Hundred (200) Pagodas for 3 Months Rent of that Farm due the 1[st]. October last. Arrack Farm paid in.

Tondroy Pillah & Narain Chitty Renters of the weighing & Measuring [du]ties pay into Cash fifty (50) Pagodas for 3 Months Rent [of that] Farm due the 1[st]. October last. Rent of the Weighs. & Mea[su]rg. Duties paid in.

[Char]les Floyer Mintmaster reads that Account for last Month Ballance [due] ther[efrom be]ing [one hu]ndred thirteen [tho]sand, three Hundred & twenty two Arcot Rupees, thirteen Anaes (113322. 1. [3]) & three (3) Madrass Pagodas, Which is carried forward. Mint Acc[t]. read.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
A[R]. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, [Jun[r].]

To

M[R]. ALEXANDER WYNCH.

SIR

Captain Somner received yours in reg[ard to] the short Delivery of the Company's Goods & He thinks He can [by no] means, answer to his Owners to take up Cash of the Company here[...] 40 P[r]. C[t] & thirty more you charge upon the Goods which is seve[...] therefore it must be referred to the Company at home & dedu[cted from] the Freight & Demorage which will then become due, acco[rding] to the Clause in Charter party, You will also find in the said [clause] that if the said Ship should be lost that no such Payment as [...] mentioned shall be made, which plainly demonstrates it is to be settled at home.

Cap[t]. Somner would have waited upon You, Sir, himself but is much indisposed. I am

FORT S[T]. DAVID,
THE 28[TH]. APRIL 1747.

SIR,
Your very humble Servant
PETER GALOPINE.

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[List of] Stores Deficient Pr. Ship Britannia.

		qr.	lb.	
Iron Barrs	Q 3	I	5	
[. . .] a Coal	116 Bushels.			
Deals	30			
Euffirs	6			
Gunpowder	7 whole Barrels.			10
	6 half Do.			
Iron Shots	3			
Tar	5 Barrels.			
Pitch	12 Do.			
Spunge Sta[ves]	13			

Extraordinary Expences in the Paymaster's Account are in the following particulars March the 31st. 1747.

				[Pags.]		
Charges Garrison Persons occasionally enter'd this month				1 [. . .]		
Peons & Servants Wages. Peons occasionally entered.				2 [. . .]		
Charges General						
Paid for velvet and a mask &ca. for ye. Company's palanqueen .. .. Pags.	34	[. . .]	[23]			
Gold Thread for the Nizam's Letters 1. 30. 40. Dammers Pags. 3 Sundry.						
Expences Oyl &ca. 17. 29. 63	21	33	[...]			
				55	33	23
Charges Extraordinary				710	7	8
Fortifications & Repairs				1399	5	14
New Fortifications..				1688	21	44
Pondicherry War				116	18	—
General Table at the Company's Garden				90	21	40
Household Necessaries				113	21	40
			Pags.	4529	8	4

Thursday the 30

At a Consultation

Present

Charles Floyer Esqr. Governor.
Edward Croke. William Holt.
Alexander Wynch. Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

Whokrs. Acct. read,

Edward Croke Warehouskeeper reads that Account for this Month, Ballance due from [him] five Hundred thirty seven Pagodas, fif[teen Fan]ams & fifty eight Cash 537. 15. 58 which He now pays in, He likewise Remains of his Warehouse Books which is Ordered to be transferred to a new sett.

Journal Parcels produced.

The Accomptant produces the Journal Parcels for February.

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Alexander Wynch Paymaster reads that account for this Month Viz[t]. Paymr, Acct. read.

Charges Garrison .. .. .. Pag.	2751	9	54
Hospital Charges	44	1	30
Peons & Servants Wages	3895	1	20
Charges General	128	16	46
Charges Extraordinary	556	35	27
Fortifications & Repairs	628	30	74
New Hornwork	3278	11	[...]3
Pondicherry War	75	8	[...]
Charges Cattle	50		[...]
Charges Diet	260	—	[...]
General Table	64	3	[...]
Pags.	11733	3	[...]

Ballance due to Him, Three Hundred Eighty Pagodas, Twenty Fanams, & fifty one Cash (380. 20. 51) which is Ordered to be now paid Him & the Particulars of the Extraordinary Expence to be entered hereafter. Extra Expence.

William Holt Sea & Land Customer of Cuddalore reads those Accounts for this Month, Ballance due from Him on the former, six Hundred ninety nine Pagodas, Seventeen Fanams & fifty six Cash (699. 17. 56) And on the Latter One Hundred six Pagodas, thirty two Fanams & sixty eig[ht Cash] (106. 32. 68) both which Sums He now pays in. Cudd: Cust. Acct. read.

Thomas Cooke Jun[r]. Sea & Land Customer of Tevenepatam Reads that Account for this Month Ballance due from Him, One Hundred, seventy eight Pagodas Twenty four Fanams & forty six Cash (178. 24. 46) which is now paid in. Tevpt[m] Sea & Land Custrs. Acct. read.

Thomas Cooke Jun[r]. Storekeep[r]. Reads that Account for this Month, Ballance due to Him, One Hundred, twenty Pagodas, Eight Fanams, & seventeen Cash (120. 8. 17) which is Ordered to be paid Him. Storekrs. Acct. read.

He also Produces his Account Remains, which is Ordered to be transferr'd to a new Sett of Books & with it He delivers in a List of Damaged & Decayed [Stores] which is Ordered to be surveyed & the Account [enter]ed hereafter. Storekr, produces his Acctt, remains. & a list of Damaged a Deeayd Stores.

John Smith Steward deliver[s in his] Account Remains of Plate, Household furniture &c[...] [be]ing read is Ordered to be delivered the Accomp[tant]. [Steward] delivers in his [re]-mains.

D[o]. D[o]. delivers in his Account as Entered hereafter of what Money has been advanced him to procure Provisions for his Majesty's Squadron, The Ballance whereof due to the Honble Company being seven Hundred & fifty Pagodas, Thirty three Fanams & sixteen Cash 750. 33. 16 He now pays in the same. Do, delivers in his Acct. Curr[t].

D[o]. D[o]. delivers in his Account of Provisions & other Disbursments for the Service of the Honble Company's Garrison, from the 10[th]. Sept[r] to this day. The Ballance whereof due from Him being fifty eight Pagodas Twelve Fanams & thirty one Cash 58. 12. 31 which He is Ordered to carry forward. Do. delivers in an account of Provisions Provided for the Use of the Garrison.

Alexander Wynch Paymaster Request[g]. to be advanced four Thousand 4000 Pagodas to defray Charges Garrison & Buildings the same is accordingly paid Him. Paym[r]. advanc'd.

He farther representing that the payment of the new Peons for this Month will amount to three thousand four Hundred sixty five Pagodas three Fanams & thirty six Cash (3465. 3. 36) that Sum is advanc'd him to discharge the same. Ditto. Do.

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Mr. Fran: Fordyce Chaplain petitions the Board.

The Reverend Mr. Francis Foredyce being entered on this Establishment, Agreable to our Honble Masters Directions & having several Months Allowance [due to] Him from the West coast amounting [to] Pagodas three Hundred seventy one & nine fanams (371. 9) He [now puts] in a Petition requesting to be Paid the same which is granted & ORDERED that Account Current FORT MARLBRO' be debted for the same as likewise that His Petition be entered hereafter.

Arrack Farm paid in.

Cootah Arrack Farmer Pays into Cash two Hundred 200 Pagodas for three Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. of January last.

Rent of the Weighs. & Measuring Duties paid in.

Ramiah Renter of the [weig]hing & measuring Duties pays into Cash fifty 50 Pagodas for three Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. January last.

Cash Acct. read.

The Governour Reads the Cash Account for this Month, Ballance whereof in Pagodas Fanams & Cash amounts to twenty six thousand, five Hundred, sixty one Pagodas, three fanams & fifty one Cash 26561. 3. 51 which is carried forward & the Account Ordered to be entered hereafter.

The Storekeeper having procured a Quantity of Ghee for the Use of the Garrison amounting to 831. 23. 21 [that] sum is advanced him to discharge the same. same.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES IN THE PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT FOR APRIL 1747 ARE IN THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS.

CHARGES GARRISON			
Persons occasionally entered in this Month.	Pags. 83	35	[...]
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY as pr. Accot. particulars	556	35	[...]
FORTIFICATIONS & REPAIRS as pr. Do.	628	3	[...]
[NEW] HORNWORK	3278	11	[...]
PONDICHERRY WAR.			
Repairing the Garden House & furnitures destroyed by the French Party	75	[...]	
GENERAL TABLE Paid the Stewards Note for entertaining the Madrass Company's Servants	64	35	[...]
	Pags. 4688	12	3[...]

LIST OF DAMAGED & DECAYED STORES.

Powder Cloths	3
Transporting Carriages	1
Handspikes	200
Spunge Staves	6
Ammunition Chest	1
Half hour Glasses	4
Iron Torches	2
Tarpaulins	4
Tin Lanterns	3
Sail Needles	30
Leather Buckets	12

— APRIL 1747 —

[Honb]le United Company.

Dr.

1746					
May	6th.	To cash paid in part of my Ballance ..	[...]	949 2 64	
June	8th.	To Cash Do.		600 — —	
				2549 2 64	
1747					
April	30th.	To Ballance paid in by me		750 [33] 16	
				Pags. 3300 — —	

Cr.

1745				
July	27.	By Cash advanced me to procure provisions for his Majesty's Squadron	800 — —	
Janry.	27.	By Cash Do.	200 — —	
Febry.	17.	By Cash Do.	100 — —	
	24.	By Cash Do.	100 — —	
March	3.	By Cash Do.	300 — —	
	11.	By Cash Do.	200 — —	
	20.	By Cash Do.	300 — —	
1746.				
April	12.	By Cash Do.	400 — —	
May	13.	By Cash Do.	300 — —	
June	11.	By Cash Do.	300 — —	
	24.	By Cash Do.	300 — —	
			Pags. 3300 — —	

Errors Excepted
Pr.
John Smith.

—— *APRIL 1747* ——

To the Honourable Charles Floyer Esq^r^.
Governour of Fort S^t^. David &c^a^. Council.

The humble petition of Francis Foredyce.
Sheweth.

That your Petitioner having left Bencoolen for Fort S^t^. George in July last with the Consent & Permission of the Deputy Governor & Council of Fort Marlbro And that He hath not received any Sallary since the 25^th^. June nor any Diet Allowance since the aforesaid Month of June, till the 1^st^. March when He was put on this establishme[nt He] prays your Honour &c^a^. Council may be pleased to pay [him in] the usual Manner what is due to Him.

And Your Petitioner shall ever pray &c^a^.

Dr. The Honourable United Company's Cash. Cr.

— APRIL 1747 —

1747.							1747.					
April	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper received						April	By Ballance from last Month paid to				
22	of him in Pagodas			700	—	—	16	Estate of Governor Hinde	Pags.	1839	18	18
	To Dy. Dr. received of him Arcott Rupees						21	By Account Curt. London supplyed				
	16000 @ 340 Pr. % Pagodas			4705	31	61		Capt. Osborne to defray his Expences to Europe		400	—	—
29	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper receiv'd							By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanc'd Him for Disbursements in Pags. ..	1000 — —			
	of him for the amount of 13 Chests of							in fans. ..	500 — —			
	lb. oz dwt.									1500	0	0
	Silver Pz. 3729 6 6 sold @ 14 15/16							By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanced him for disbursements ..		100	—	—
	Dollars Pr. 10 Pagodas			34013	25	20		By Account Curt. London supplyed Capt. Somner agreable to the Terms of the Ship Britannia's Charter party ..		2000	—	—
	To William Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore receiv'd of him in full of his last Month's Ballance in Pagodas ..	11 — —					29	By A[lexand]er W[ynch W. Ho.ke]per paid him his last Month's Ballance.		861	1	18
	in Fans. ..	4 3 60					30th.	By Alexander Wynch Paymaster paid him his Ballance for this Month ..		380	20	5[..]
				15	3	60		By Do. Do. advanc'd him to defray Charges Garrison & Buildings in Pags. ..	3000 — —			
	To William Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore received of him in full of his last Month's Ballance in Pagods. ..	1 — —						in Fans. ..	1000 — —			
	in Fans. ..	44 8 64								4000	—	—
				45	8	64		By Do. Dy. advanced him to pay new Peons for this Month		3 [..]	—	—
	To Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea & Land Customer of Tevenepa[tam received of him] in full of his last Month's Balance in Fanams.			10	14	8		By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanc'd him for Disbursements ..		[.. .. ..]		
	To Profitt & Loss gained by the Exchange of 2000 Pagodas into Fans. @ 39 Pr. Pagod [*sic*]			166	24	—		By Do. Dy. paid him his Ballance for this Month		12[0]	8	17
	To William Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore received of him in full of his Ballance for this Month in Pagodas ..	695 — 66						By Accot. Curt. Fort Marlbro paid Mr. Francis Fordyce Chaplain his Arrears due to the 1st. of March last ..		371 [..]		
	in Fans.	4 17 —										
				699	17	56						
	Carried over			40353	17	29		Carried over		15869 [12		6]

Dr. THE HONOURABLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH. Cr.

Brought over			40356	17	29	
To William Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore received of him in full of his Ballance for this Month in Pagodas.	[19]	— —				
in Fans. ..	87	32 68				
			106	32	68	
To Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea & Land Customer of Tevenepatam Received of him in full of his Balance for this Month in Pagodas ..	167	— —				
in Fanams ..	11	24 46				
			178	24	46	
To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper received of him in full of his Ballance in Pags. ..	280	— —				
in Fans. ..	257	15 58				
			537	15	58	
To John Smith Steward received of him in full for what advanced him to procure Provisions for his Majesty's Squadron ..			[750]	33	16	
To Tondroy Pillah & Narrain Chitty Arrack Farmers received of them for three Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. October last			200	—	—	
To Tondroy Pillah & Narain Chitty Renters of the weighing & Measuring Duties received of them for three Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Octbr. last ..			50	—	—	
To Cootah Arrack Farmer received of him for three Months Rent of that farm due the 1st. January last			200	—	—	
To Ramiah Renter of the Weighing & measuring duties received of him for three Months rent of that Farm due the 1st. January last			50	—	—	
Pagodas ..			42430	15	57	

Brought over			15869	12	6
By Ballance carried forward in Pags. ..	24313	— —			
in fans. ..	2248	3 51			
			26561	3	51
Pagodas ..			42430	15	57

ERRORS EXCEPTED

PR. CHARLES FFLOYER,

Dr. STEWARDS ACCOUNT CURRENT.

1746.				
SEPTEMBER 10TH.	To Cash advanced me to provide provisions .. .. .. Pags.	200	—	—
16.	To Cash Do.	500	—	—
OCTOBER 25.	To Cash Do.	200	—	—
[DEC]EMBER THE 10.	To Cash advanced me	1000	—	—
MARCH 5.	To Bullocks for 140 @ 2 Pags. each ..	280	—	—
31.	To Cash received for Beef sold on the Hoñble Company's Account ..	63	33	—
1747.				
APRIL THE 10.	To Cash Do.	101	20	—
	Carried over Pagods ..	2345	17	—

1746.				
SEPTEM. 30TH.	By provision &c[a]. Disbursements provided for the Service of the Hoñble Company's Garrison Viz[t].			
	Bullocks for 10 @ 3 Pagodas each .. Pagod.	30	—	—
	Do. 40 @ 2½ each ..	100	—	—
	Do. 10 @ 2¼ each ..	22	18	—
	Do. 140 @ 2 each ..	280	—	—
	Tamerin 18 Can. 2 — @ Pag[s]. 4. 18 ℔ Candy	81	16	—
	[Long] pepper 5 Candy @ 6 Pr. Do. ..	30	—	—
	Round Do. 1 @ ..	40	—	—
	Onion 27. 2 md. @ [..] 27 Pr. tar Candy	47	15	—
	Tobacco [3] @ 14 ℔ do.	42	—	—
	Cotton Seeds 1 18 10 ..	3	18	[..]
	Mustard Seed — 5 — ..	1	19	[..]
	Beetle Nutt 40,000 @ 6 27 — Pr. Om[n].	13	18	[..]
	Pork 2 Casks q[t]. 1012 lb of several sorts	55	[..]	—
	Saltfi[sh] 112780 of several Sorts ..	—	[..]	—
	Firewood 1431 Bundles	[	..	]
	Gunny Bags 60 @ 4 Fans. each.. ..	[	..	]
	Country Jarrs 13	1	[..	]
	Baskets & Matts 200	[	..	]
	Charges feasting Soldiers from Madrass	[	..	]
	Charges Cattle	[	..	]
	Godown Rent & Cooley hire ..	[	..	]
OCTOB[R]. 31.	Eating Gram 227 Mercalls @ 70 Pags. Pr. Garce	[	..	]
	Salt fish 113100 of Several Sorts ..	[	..	]
	Salt 5 Garce 4 Pr. Garce ..	20	—	—
	Fire Wood 45000 Billets	29	—	—
	Pork 3 Casks q[t]. 1608 lb.	82	23	60
	Gunny Bags 30 @ 4 Fans. each ..	3	12	—

Dr. STEWARD ACCOUNT CURRENT. Cr.

Brought over	2345	17	—	
	Charges feasting Soldiers from Madrass	6	28	40
	Charges Cattle	49	17	—
	Godown Rent & Cooley Hire ..	6	27	—
NOVEMBER THE 30TH.	Pork 1 Cask qt. 500 lb.	27	[..]	—
	Sheep for 4 Given the Moormen ..	[1]	[..]	
	Salt fish 24000 of several Sorts ..	30	35	—
	Fans. Gunny Bags 10 at Pags.—4 each ..	1	4	—
	Charges feasting Soldiers from Madrass	—	25	—
	Charges Cattle	63	29	—
	Godown Rent & Cooley Hire ..	4	30	—
DECEMBER THE 31.	Expedition against the French ..	88	3	—
	[Charges] feasting Soldiers from Madrass.	2	1	40
	Charges Cattle	76	1	—
	Godown Rent & Cooley Hire ..	6	18	—
JANUARY THE 31.	Arrack given the Nabob's Chubdars.	2	18	—
	Charges feasting Soldiers from Madrass	—	8	—
	Charges Cattle	75	3	—
	Godown Rent & Cooley Hire ..	[	..	]
FEBRUARY THE 28.	Expedition against the French ..	[	..	]
	Charges Dieting the Honble Company's Military on board the Success	[	..	]
	Do. on board the Britannia ..	[36	..	]
	Charges feasting Soldiers from Madrass	[	..	]
	Charges Cattle ..	[	..	]
	Godown Rent & Cooley Hire ..	[	..	]
MARCH THE 1ST.	Expedition against the French ..	[	..	]
31.	Charges Cattle	[	..	]
	Godown Rent & Cooley Hire ..	[	..	]

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Steward Account Current.

Cr.

Brought over	2345	17	—	1747. April the 30th.	Charges Feasting Soldiers from on board the Lapwing	3	25	—
					Charges Cattle	38	17	—
					Godown Rent & Cooley Hire ..	3	21	—
						2287	4	49
					By Ballance due to the Honble Company	58	12	31
Pagods. ..	2345	17	—		Pags. ..	2345	17	—

LIBRARY OF THE BOMBAY BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY

— *MAY 1747* —

SATURDAY 2D. AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr*.

Genl. Lre to the Court of Directors read & signed. Packet order'd to be made up.

General Letter to the Hoñble Court of Directors being drawn out under the established Heads the same is now Read & signed & the several papers that are necessary to be enclosed in the Britannia's Packet are now produced [...]tary, who is ORDER'D to make the Packet up this Night that they may be deliver'd the Captain with his Dispatches as enter'd hereafter tomorrow Morning.

[Capt]. John Somner pays [Ps. 225 into Cash on acct. [of Mr. Luke] Scrafton.

Captain John Somner pays into the Hoñble Company's Cash the sum of two Hundred, twenty five 225 Pagodas On Account of Mr. Luke Scrafton in Bengall as agreed in Consultation of the 27th. past, ORDERED that a Certificate be dra[wn out] & deliver'd him for the same as Entered hereafter.

[Perm]it granted Mr. Barlow [Proceeds] to Europe with [his] Family on the [Brittannia].

Mr. Samuel Barlow making Application to us for Permission for his Wife & family to proceed for Europe by the Britannia the same is granted Him, He therefore pays into the Hoñble Company's Cash the Sum of twenty five 25 Pagodas as usually practised at Fort St. George on the like Occasions.

A Permit is accordingly drawn out & ORDERED to be delivered the Captain as Enter'd hereafter, Directing Him to Receive them on board with their Necessaries.

Supracargoes of Ship Phaze Salam represent to the Board concerning her Cargo of Rice.

The Ship Phaze Salam being [arrived] here & the Supra Cargos of her representing they were offered eighty 80 Pagodas ℔ Garce for their Cargo consisting of about seven thousand 7000 Bags at Negapatam, which they rejected on purpose to supply our Occasions not knowing how great they might be, they therefore request to know if it be suitable to the Company to purchase the same, as otherwise they propose to return immediately to Negapatam, & accept of the Offers that were there made them, on which it being considered that the large quantity of Grain that was fortunately provided for the Use of the Garrison the last Year was of great Service & We have now a much greater Consumption thereof, & moreover as there is such Constant Demands for that Article from the Natives that the Company can be no sufferers thereby, AGREED to buy it all at the price abovementioned on the[ir] Account, As it may be a means to encourage others to come to this port and [per]haps at a time when it may be more wanted.

Report Survey Ship Britannia deld in.

The Paymaster & Gunner haveing bee[n to] the Britannia they now deliver in their Report Survey of Her which is [entered] hereafter & a List of her Men & Warlike Stores is Ordered to be enclosed in [the] packet.

[Sto]rekr. advanc'd.

Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper desiring to be advanced twelve Hundred 1200 Rupees for to defray the Impress of the Compan[y's] Vessels [the] Brilliant Snow, & Fanny Sloop the same is ORDERED to be paid [him].

Copies of some Bonds on the Company. attested by ye. [Board].

Sundry Persons requesting the board to a[ttest] Copies of some Bonds they have on the Hoñble Company, the same [are] now compared with the Originals, their Request is complied with & the [several] Obligations as follows.

Three Bonds bearing date the 30th. Septr. 174[...] One in favour of Mr. Solomon Solomons for forty thousand 40,000 [Pagodas]. One in favour of Messrs. George Jones & Levy Moses for fifteen thousand [Pagodas]. One in favour of Mr. Sidney Foxall for fourteen Hundred 1400 Pago[das].

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The Board have likewise attested a Copy of [a Certi]ficate in favour of Mr. Robert Sloper for the sum of three Hundred, seventy seven Pagodas, & eighteen Fanams 377. 18. bearing date the 2d. Nov[...].

The Governour haveing paid out of Cas[h] of fifteen hundred 1500 Dollars Yesterday Morning for the use of [His Majes]ty's Squadron by Order of Comodore Griffin, Bills are now delivered [&] same drawn on the Hoñble Commissioners of the Navy, & paya[ble to the Hoñ]ble Company amounting to five Hundred 500 Pounds Sterling [...] that one of which be sent home in this packet. [Bills drawn] on the Honble [Commis sioners] of the Navy [...]ley advanced [...] Squadron & [...] be sent home [by Bri]tannia.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

To CAPT. JOHN SOMNER
[COM]MANDER OF SHIP BRITANNIA.

SIR,

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board your Ship & make the best of your Way to the port of London in Great Britain wth. the Packets herewith delivered you, marked A & B directed to the Hoñble the COURT OF DIRECTORS for Affairs of the Hoñble the UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND trading to the EAST INDIES at their House in LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON. The first Port You arrive at in England You are to send your Purser ashore with tha[t] marked A & forward it with all possible expedition. What Orders may be necessary to be observed in your passage home You will receive from the Governor & We strictly enjoin your Compliance there[with].

In case you call at the Cape it will be accepta[ble] to the Governor & Council of St. Helena that You carry them some Garden [seeds] Plank &ca.

We wish you a safe & speedy Passage. DATED in FORT St. DAVID this 2d. of May 1747.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CRO[KE].
WILLIAM HO[LT].
ALEXANDER [WYNCH].
THOMAS COOKE, [*Junr.*]

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that We the Governor & Council of Fort St. David [hand] into the United Company's Cash of Capt. John Somner [the sum] of two hundred & twenty five (225) Pagodas being the Amount of [...] Pounds brought out by Him for Account of Mr. Luke Scrafton in Bengall which We promise to remit him by Bill of Exchange on the President & Council there. WITNESS our Hands this 22d. Day of April 1747.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYN[CH].
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

— *MAY 1747* —

To CAPT. JOHN SOMNER
COMMANDER OF SHIP BRITANNIA.

SIR,

Mr. Samuel Barlow having obtained [permis]sion for his Wife & Children to proceed for Europe on your Ship, [You] are hereby ORDERED to receive them on board with their Nece[ssaries.] DATED in FORT St. DAVID this 2d. Day of May 17[47].

CHARLES F[LOYER].
EDWARD CR[OKE].
WILLIAM [HOLT].
ALEXANDER [WYNCH].
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

To THE WORSHL. CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS.

Conformable to your Orders We have been on board the BRITANNIA & surveyed her Men & Warlike Stores which We find to be as ☞ Accompanying Lists. We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
THE 30TH. APRIL 1747.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
PHILIP BAKER.

TUESDAY THE 5TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Genl. Lres from Tellicherry & Maddepollam.

General Letter No. 31 & 32 read, the former from Tellicherry & the latter from Maddepollam [Co]ntaing. as ☞ Book.

Genl. [Lre] from Negapatam.

A General [Letter] from the Governor & Council at Negapatam dated the 4th. May N. S. is likewise now read & entered No. 33 wherein they are pleased to signify to us the orders of the Honourable the States of the United Netherlands, & of the General priviledged EAST INDIA Company at Batavia their high Superiors in a Declaration or act of theirs forbidding the Trade in Ophium within the Streights of Sunda & through the Streig[hts] of Malacca & that they have further taken upon them to prescribe certain Limits fo[r the] exclusive [Tra]de, such as Java, Madura, Sambawa & the other Islands to the Eastward Boeton, Saleyer, Celebes, Borneo, & Banca & all the Inner Coast of Sumatra, with all other places where the Netherland East India Company pretend solely to the Right of Navigating & trading & giving us a formal information hereof to the End that We [mi]ght guard against Damages, & have no plea for Ignorance.

The Board taking the for[egoing] Letter into consideration AGREE to prepare an answer to the follow[ing] [effect.]

— *MAY 1747* —

That the Trade carried on by our [Hoñble] Masters & by all other persons who have permission from them for that purpose in the several parts in India & in the seas they mention is derived from the Liberty Granted them by the Authority of our most gracious Sovereign & is confirmed to them by his Charter & the Acts of the Legislative power of great Britain & that consequently they have a Right to Enjoy all the Benefit of his Royal Benevolence, & that the States of Holland being in Amity with his Majesty, His Subjects have the more just Reason to expect the Countenance & protection of the Netherland's Company in such their lawful Traffick, rather than any Molestation & more especially as it is Notorious for Time immemorial, th[ey] have carried on the same in the Seas, where the Declaration would now [...] them from, That therefore their pretensions to the Sole Navigation & [...] of those parts, cannot but be deem'd as an Innovation, & a proceedi[ng] arbitrary & in no Manner to be submitted to, That We see this w[ith] More Concern as the Servants of the Netherland Company, seem unsatisfied with having wrested from the English that Valuable Branch of the Spice Trade, & to be eager in Grasping at the small Remains now left them, Likewise that it is no less Matter of Surprize to us, that there comes in this Manner, an Act of the Governor General of the Netherla[nd] India & his Council which has never yet been digested in Europe, [& war]ranted by any Authority from thence, as any Ways appears to us. [That on] the whole We can look upon this their Declaration, in no other lig[ht] but as an Usurpation of Authority derogatory to the Honour, Interest, & Priviledges of the English Nation in the Indies, and as such We a[re under a] Necessity of protesting as We now do in full Form against [the Governor] General & the Council of the Netherlands India & against [all persons] whomsoever, acting under their Authority, in Matters relateing [...] for all Losses, Damages & Accidents that any Ways may accru[e the] United Company of Merchants of England tradeing to the E[ast] or any Person or Persons tradeing with their License where [...]ration Refers to, by any Seizure of Effects, detaining of Ships [...] in any Manner tending to injure them in their Trade. Remarks of th Board on the foregoing Lre.

The Council of War held on the [29th. April] having appointed the Military Officers in Conjunction with Mrs. Jones & Baker to consider on the present State of the Garrison & to lay before us, the Governor & Council their Opinion of what Measures ought to be taken to render it tenable against the Assaults of the Enemy, also to rectify such Defects in Military Discipline as might occur to them and finally all such things as are necessary to be known for the preservation of the place & the better conducting Matters relative thereto; They accordingly now tender to the board their Report in writing, containing their several Occurrences, which being read by the Secretary is ORDERED to be entered after this Consultation.

And in Consequence of the Sundry Articles therein offered to our Consideration, It is hereby ORDERED and AGREED [Proceedings] thereupon.

That the Spot of Ground mentioned to be the most convenient for the Inhabitants of Tevenepatam to build on be immediately lined out & Permission given them to build accordingy.

That the pulling down of the Dutch Factory as set forth in their Report to be absolutely ne[cessar]y, be deferr'd 'till a proper Opportunity offers of representing, the same [to] the Governor & Council of Negapatam & to wait their [Ans]wer thereon.

That all the Soldiery & those of the Artillery in the Garrison be kept in strict Discipline & that Martial Law be introduced among them.

That the Secretary cause Copies of the Several Articles of War to be wrote out, agreable to those they have extracted & that the same be affixed to all Publick G[uard]s as Likewise.

That O[rder be] issued out to the proper Officers to summon the whole Garrison under Arms once in three Months at farthest to have the said Articles read before them.

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That the Method prescribed for the securing the Main Guard Gate as likewise for the Erecting Soldier's Barracks & Lodgings for the Subaltern Officers be proceeded on as soon as a sufficient Number of Workmen can be procured without taking those off which are now employed.

That what is proposed [for the se]Curity of the South West Magazines as well as the new [...] pulling down part of the sorting Godown & other Lodging for [the] Space of thirty five Feet be referred to our farther Consideration.

That the Magazine at the South East of the Fort said to contain about four Hundred 400 Barrels of Powder be immediately strengthened in such Manner as may be deemed secure against a Bombardment and that the Paymaster do make the Hinges of the Doors with Copper, that the Doors themselves be doubled, & the Jambs strengthned & plated with sheet Lead & this to be done as soon as possible.

That the arched Godowns under the East Curtain which are now full of Stores, be cleared out in all Haste & laid open for Barracks.

That the Storekeeper deliver out fresh [mus]quet Powder to the Master of Arms for the making of new Cartr[idges] Agreable to the new set of Formers & that the powder of the old [Cartrid]ges be returned to the Storekeeper & remade & this to be done with [...].

That the Warehousekeeper do see all the Company's Bales & Calicoes which are now in the Fort removed to Cuddalore & that He keep them there in the best Godowns that can be got, 'till Opportunity offers to export them.

That the Broad Cloth which is fit for [the] Coast be sold & delivered out to the Company's Merchants as soon [as] possible in Order to clear a large Godown in the Square very pro[per] for Grain.

That the Steward provide three Hundred 300 Head of Live Cattle the best that can be got, besides one hundred [...] More to be salted up; also three hundred & fifty 350 Hogs & a suffi[cient quantity] of all [sorts] of provisions fit for the Garrison, particularly a larg[e quantity] of salt fish & a very large Supply of good firewood.

[That] the Storekeeper do provide fifty 50 Leager[s] of good Columbo or Batavia Arrack.

That the Warehousekeeper do lay up [in the] Fort a Store of six Months Rice for one thousand (1000) Men [and] none be expended out of that Stock, 'till He receives Orders for [...] Board, but that the Daily Expence be delivered out from Tevene[patam to] Cuddalore.

That the Outworks on the North Side of Tevenepatam be secured as soon as possible by Digging & Palasading, a good Wide Trench round them, & a proper Shelter built for the People that are to guard them.

That with Regard to what relates to the Workmen & Cooleys & the Method proposed to pay them, It must be observ'd the same has been practised for sometime, excepting two of the Company's Servants being present at the paying them which is now AGREED to & Mess^{rs}. Baird & Duncombe appointed to assist under y^{e}. Paymaster for that Purpose & farther.

That all Manner of Encouragement be given to all Labourers to come into our Bounds & to induce them to stay with us.

That no pains be spared to procure Trees proper for Stakes, as also all other Materials that may be wanting to forward the Works on hand with all Expedition, & that the Paymaster do hire what Vessels He can to bring in firewood & Chunam.

That the Gunroom Crew be regulated, agreable to the Method proposed to us as soon as possible, & that the persons Recommended to us to have Ensign's Commissions, have them given accordingly, also that all good & skilfull Men be encouraged to enter in that Service.

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The Houses of Tevenepatam a[...] now pulling down, & those in the Col[...] AGREED to come down, as soon as the Inhabitants of them can remove their Effects, Notices therefore ORDERED to be given them for that Purpose & a Day allotted for it.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW. CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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TO THE WORSHIPFUL CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
AND THE GENTLEMEN IN COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFULL SIR AND SIRS,

Pursuant to the Result of a Council of War held the 29th of last Month, wherein We were directed to consider of the present State of this Garrison, and to lay before You our Opinions, what measures ought to be taken to render it tenable against the Assaults of an Enemy, to rectify such Defects in Military Discipline as may occur to Us, and finally all such things as are necessary for You to know for the Preservation of this Place, and the better conducting matters tending thereto; We shall now endeavour to do it in the best manner We can, and hope that what We lay before You will not only meet your Approbation, but excite You to forward so good a Work with that diligence and Spirit which the Case requires, as the Time of doing it cannot be reckon'd longer than the Stay of his Majesty's Squadron upon this Coast.

The order in Council of War relating to pulling down all Buildings, and making a clean Explanade [*sic*] round the Fort for the Space of Eight hundred Yards is begun to be put in Execution, and We hope to see the Labourers daily encrease, that a speedy End may be put to this Work, having many more to enter upon which will require as much Dispatch.

As the Principal Buildings, Dwelling Houses and Gardens are within that Limitt, and of Course must be cleared away, We are of Opinion that when that is compleated, to make the Explanade [*sic*] 400 Yards more will be of so little Consideration in point of Labour and Expence, and of so much in Respect to the defence of the Place, that We are perswaded You will have no Objection to it.

About West and by South near 2000 Yards distant from the Fort is a rising Ground, and near the banks or [*sic*] Trepopilore River, where it winds from South to an East Course, this Spot we think most convenient for the Inhabitants of Tevenapatam to build upon; 'Tis true the Soil is sandy; but the Place they live in now is equally so; and this Situation has one Advantage the other has not; which is that Two Sides of the Village will be refreshed by the Water of Trepopilore River.

The Dutch Factory in Tevenapatam Town stands distant from the foot of the Northern Glacis no more than 644 Yards; 'Tis not only a large House of itself, but has a large Space of Ground walled in besides; sufficient to lodge perhaps the whole force of Pondicherry, and may prove of the most fatal Consequence to this Fort if it is permitted to stand, as it is reasonable to suppose an Enemy will seek Shelter wherever it is to be had, and here it is to be had, tho' all the Rest of the Country be cleared round Us.

As We are altogether ignorant of the Laws of Nations in such Cases, We earnestly recommend this to your serious Consideration, and can do no more than offer our Opinion, which is, that it is absolutely necessary that Building should come down.

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The next matter recommended to Us in the above Council of War, relates to discipline and Law Martial in the Soldiery and Artillery, which We have observed has not been put in Practice hitherto in any of our Company's Settlements in India, perhaps from a Tenderness the Gentlemen in Direction at home might have for this lower Class of their Servants: or it may be from a Jealousy of trusting their Governors and Officers with so extensive a Power as that of Life and Death, independent of the Civil Magistracy. Whether this be so or not is not to our present purpose to enquire, We shall only observe to You, that at this Time We hold it above all things most needful to be put in Execution. But least We should be misguided in our Opinions, We have had Recourse to the Copy of his late Majesty's Charter granted to the East India Company the 24th of September in the 13th year of his Reign: in the 27, 28, 29, and 30th Pages thereof We find he has been most graciously pleased to grant Powers to the Governors in India to exercise Law Martial and Military Discipline: We have extracted the Same from the Charter Word for Word which is as follows.

"AND our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do of our more abundant "Grace for Us, our heirs and Successors, give and grant unto the said Company "and their Successors by these Presents full Power and Authority from Time to "Time to name and appoint such Person or Persons, as they shal[l] think fitt to be "General or Generals of all the forces by Sea or Land of or belonging to the said "Town of MADRASPATNAM, and the Towns Places and Dependancies of FORT ST. "GEORGE aforesaid; and to nominate, constitute and appoint, such and so many "Commanders and Military Officers, as to them shall seem meet and requisite for "the leading, conducting, and training up the Inhabitants of the said Town, Places, "and Limits aforesaid, and such a Number of Seamen and Ships of Defence, as "are or shall be necessary for the Defence and Safe Guard of the Same, and such "General or Generals or other Officers, or any of them at the Pleasure of the same "Company to displace and remove, and that it shall and may be lawfull to and for "the said General or Generals of the forces by Sea and Land of or belonging to the "said Town of MADRASPATNAM, and the Towns, Places and Dependancies of FORT "ST. GEORGE aforesaid, and all and every such Commander and Military Officers, "that shall be so as aforesaid continued and appointed according to the Tenor of "his and their Respective Commissions and Instructions to assemble, exercise "in Arms, Martial Array, and put in Warlike Posture the Inhabitants of the said "Towns and Places either by Sea or Land for their Especial Defence and Safety, "and to lead and conduct them, and to encounter, repulse, expell, and resist by "force of Arms as well by Sea as by Land, and also to kill Slay and destroy by all "fitting Ways, Enterprizes, and means whatsoever all and every such Person or "Persons as shall or may at any Time hereafter in an hostile manner attempt, or "enterprize the Destruction, Invasion, Detriment or Annoyance of any of our "Subjects within the said Towns, and Factories, and Limits, or any of their Ser-"vants or Persons dealing with them; and in time of War, or open Hostility to "use and exercise Martial Discipline and the Law Martial in such Cases as Occasion "shall necessarily require, and may legally be done, and to take and surprize by "all ways and means whatsoever all and every such Person or Persons, with their "Ships, Armour, Ammunition and other Goods, as shall in hostile manner invade "or attempt the defeating or destruction of the said Towns and Places, or the "Hurt of any of our Subjects, inhabiting there, or any of their Servants or Persons "employed by them, and upon just Causes to invade and destroy the Enemies of "the same.

AND at the close of the Charter it has been also his Majesty's Pleasure to declare in the following Words.

"THAT these our Letters Patents or the Inrollment thereof shall be in and by "all things valid and Effectual in the Law according to the true Intent, and Mean-"ing of the same, and shall be taken, construed, and adjudged in the most favour-"able and beneficial Sence for the Best Advantage of the said Company."

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From these Royal Grants We cannot conceive otherwise than that our Governor is fully vested with Authority and Power to put that part of the Charter relative to Law Martial in Execution, and in Confidence that He will do it, We have procured and now is before Us, an Act of Parliament passed in the 17th of his present Majesty's Reign for punishing Mutiny, Desertion &ct. with Rules and Articles for the better Government of his Majesty's Forces in GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND and Dominions beyond Sea. Perhaps some may urge a Distinction ought to be made between his Majesty's Forces and those belonging to the Company. We confess ourselves disqualified for such a Contraversy [*sic*], nor have We Discernment enough to make any, since We are all subjects to the same Monarch, are permitted to hoist the British Flag, and have the Sanction of his Majesty's Charter to support Us. All the Difference We can make, which We think next to none is in our Commissions. The General and Officers immediately in his Majesty's Service have the Royal Sign Manual put to theirs; and Ours come by a Power delegated, but derived from the same fountain. If We are so happy as to be right in our Conjectures of this Matter, We then beg Leave to lay before You such Extracts from the abovementioned Articles of War, as We think necessary for the good Government and Preservation of this Garrison, And do request also, that You will cause your Secretary to let them be engrossed in a fair hand, and affixed at all Guards and Publick Places with such Extracts of his Majesty's Charter, as shall seem necessary for the Information of the People, whereby they may know it is by Virtue of Sovereign Authority You proceed. We are likewise to represent to You that We hold it necessary to have a day appointed to summon the whole Garrison both Soldiery and Artillery under Arms to hear the said Articles read, and that You would make it a standing Order to have this repeated at least Once in three Months.

In these Articles some are entire others passed over in Silence, and some abridged; but throughout the whole We have as impartially extracted such as give Relief to the injured Soldier, as those which give the Officer Authority and Dominion over him.

ARTICLE 1ST.

Divine Service and Sermon to be frequented.

All Officers and Soldiers (not having just Impediment) shall diligently frequent Divine Service and Sermon in such Places as shall be appointed for the Regiment, Troop or Company, to which they belong, and such as either Wilfully or negligently absent themselves from Divine Service or Sermon; or else being present do behave themselves indecently or irreverently during the same; if they be Officers they shall be severely reprimanded at a Court Martial; but if private Soldiers they shall for every such first Offence forfeit Each Man Twelve Pence to be deducted out of their next Pay, and for the Second Offence, shall forfeit Twelve Pence, and be laid in Irons for twelve hours, and for every like Offence afterwards shall suffer and pay in like manner, and the money so forfeited shall be applied to the Relief of the Sick Soldiers of such Troop or Company to which the Offenders do belong.

ARTICLE 7TH.

The Penalty of Mutiny.

If any Officer or Soldier shall excite cause or join in any mutiny or Sedition in the Company, Troop, or Regiment to which He belongs, or in any other Company, Troop, or Regiment in his Majesty's Service, or in any Party or Post, where the Duty is done by Detachment from several Regiments or otherwise in the Army, he shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as a General Court Martial shall inflict.

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And if any Officer, Non Commission Officer or Soldier hear any Words tending to Mutiny or Sedition, or being any way privy thereto do not immediately use his utmost Endeavours to suppress the Same, as also to discover it to his Superiours, if an Officer He shall be Cashiered, and if a Non Commission Officer or Soldier He shall be severely punished at the Discretion of a Court Martial.

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ARTICLE 8TH.

The Penalty of strikeing or resisting a Superior Officer in the Execution of his Office or refusing to obey Orders.

If any Officer or Soldier shall strike or use any Violence against his Superior Officer being in the Execution of his Office; or shall refuse to obey any lawfull Command of his Superior Officer; all and Every Person or Persons so offending shall suffer Death or such other Punishment as by a Court Martial shall be inflicted.

ARTICLE 9TH.

The Penalty of Striking or offering to draw a Weapon against a Superior Officer on any Pretence.

If any Officer or Soldier shall strike draw or offer to draw, or shall lift up any Weapon against his Superior Officer on any Pretence whatsoever: if an Officer, He shall be cashiered; if a Non Commission Officer or Soldier, He shall receive such Corporal Punishment as a General Court Martial shall inflict.

ARTICLE 10TH.

The Penalty of Desertion.

All Officers and Soldiers who have receiv'd Pay or have been duly listed in our Service, and shall desert the Same, either in the field, upon a March, in Quarters, or in Garrison, and be convicted thereof before a General Court Martial, shall suffer Death or such other Punishment as by the said Court Martial shall be inflicted.

ARTICLE 11TH.

Officer or Soldier leaving his Troop or Company without a Discharge in Writing, to be reputed a Deserter. The Penalty of an Officer entertaining a Soldier belonging to another Regiment.

No Discharge to be allowed unless signed by a Field Officer.

No Non Commission Officer or Soldier shall leave his Troop, or Company, and enlist himself in any other Regiment, Troop, or Company without a Discharge from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment in which He last served under pain of being reputed a Deserter, and suffering accordingly; and in Case any Officer shall knowingly receive or entertain any such Non Commission Officer and Soldier, upon Proof made thereof before a General Court Martial, He shall be Cashiered.

Nor shall any Discharge granted to any Non Commission Officer or Soldier, after He has joined the Regiment, Troop or Company, into which He is enlisted, be allowed of as sufficient, unless signed by a field Officer of the Regiment whence Such Soldier was dismissed.

ARTICLE 12TH.

The Penalty of perswading any one to desert.

If any Officer or Soldier shall perswade or advise any other Officer or Soldier to desert our Service, He shall suffer such Punishment as shall be inflicted by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

ARTICLE 13TH.

The Penalty of breaking Prison.

If any Non Commission Officer or Soldier Committed to Prison shall break thence and endeavour to escape Punishment, and leave the Service, He shall be punished as a Deserter and suffer Death or such other Punishment as shall be inflicted by a General Court Martial.

And if any Officer under Arrest shall leave his Confinement, before He is set at Liberty by the Officer, who confined him, or by a Superior Power, He shall be cashiered for it.

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ARTICLE 14TH.

Whatever Officer or Soldier shall misbehave himself before the Enemy, or run away or shamefully abandon, any Fort, Post, or Guard, which He or they shall be commanded to defend, or speak Words inducing others to do the like; or who after Victory, shall instead of pursuing the Enemy, quit his Commanding Officer, or Post, to plunder and pillage; Every Such Offender being duly convicted thereof, shall be reputed a Disobeyer of Orders, and shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment, as by a General Court Martial shall be inflicted on him.

ARTICLE 18TH.

What an Officer must do if He thinks himself wronged.

If any Officer thinks himself wrong'd by his Colonel, or the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, and shall upon due Application to him be refused to be redressed, He is to complain to the General or Commander in Chief of our Forces, in order to have Justice done him.

And if any Inferior Officer, or Soldier shall think himself wronged by his Captain, or Officer commanding the Troop or Company, He is to complain thereof to the Officer commanding the Regiment, who is hereby required to see Justice done the Complainant at a Regimental Court Martial, from which, if Either Party think himself not fully wrighted, He may appeal to a General Court Martial, where if upon a Second Hearing, the Appeal shall prove Groundless or Vexatious the Appellant shall be punished accordingly.

ARTICLE 19TH.

The Penalty of provoking Speech or Action.

No Officer or Soldier shall use any reproachfull or provoking Speeches or Gestures to another upon Pain of imprisonment, and asking Pardon of the Party offended in Presence of his Commanding Officer.

The Penalty of sending a Challenge.

Nor shall any Officer or Soldier presume to send a Challenge to any other Officer or Soldier, upon Pain of being Cashiered, if He be an Officer, or suffering the severest Corporal Punishment, if a Non Commission Officer or a Private Soldier.

The Penalty if an Officer suffer any to go out to fight a Duel.

And if any Officer or Non Commission Officer commanding a Guard, shall willingly and knowingly suffer any Person whatever to go forth to fight a Duel, He shall be punished as above, and all Seconds also and Carriers of Challenges in order to Duels, shall be taken as Principals and punished accordingly.

All Officers have Power to part Frays.

All Officers of what Condition whatsoever have Power to part and quell, all Quarrels, Frays, and other Disorders tho' of another Company, Troop, or Regiment, and to command Officers to arrest, and Soldiers to Prison, untill their proper Officers be acquainted therewith: And whosoever shall refuse to obey such Officer (tho' of inferior Rank) or draw his Sword upon him, shall be punished as a General Court Martial shall appoint.

Nor shall any Officer or Soldier upbraid another for refusing a Challenge, since according to these our Orders, They do but the Duty of Soldiers, who ought to subject themselves to Discipline, and We do acquit, and Discharge, all Men, who have Quarrels offer'd them, or Challenge sent to them of all disgrace, or opinion of Disadvantage, in their Obedience hereunto, and whosoever shall upbraid them, or offend in this Case, shall be punished as a Challenger.

ARTICLE 20TH.

A General Court Martial.

A General Court Martial shall not consist of less than Thirteen Commission Officers, and the President not to be under the Degree of a Field Officer, or the then Commander in Chief of our Forces in Garrison, where such Court Martial is held.

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Members of Courts Martial are to hold the same Rank at their Sittings as they do in the Army.

Exception.

The Members both of General and Regimental Courts Martial, when Composed of Officers of different Corps, shall for Order sake take the same Rank at their Sittings as they do in the Army; but when the said Courts Martial are composed of the Officers of One Corps, They shall then take their Ranks only according to the Dates of their Commissions, they are muster'd by in the said Corps, and the Judge Advocate General,or some Person having a Deputation to act for him, shall inform the Court, and prosecute in his Majesty's Name, and in Capital Cases administer to the several Members the following Oath.

The Oath which is to be administered in Capital Cases.

You shall well, and truly try, and determine according to your Evidence in the matter now before You between our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, and the Prisoner to be tried.

So Help You God.

The Oath which is to be taken by the Members of all General Courts Martial.

The following Oath shall also be taken by such as are Members or Judges in a General Court Martial. " I A.B. do swear that I will duly administer Justice " according to the Rules and Articles for the better Government of his Majesty's " Forces, and according to an Act of Parliament now in force for the Punishment " of Mutiny and Desertion, and other Crimes therein mentioned, without Partia- " lity, Favour, or Affection, and if any doubt shall arise, which is not explained " by the said Articles, or Act of Parliament, according to my Conscience, the best " of my Understanding, and the Custom of War in the like Cases: And I do further " swear, that I will not divulge the Sentence of the Court, untill it shall be approv- " ed by his Majesty, the General or Commander in Chief; neither will I upon any " Account at any time whatsoever disclose or discover the vote or Opinion of any " Particular Member of the Court Martial.

So Help Me God.

Rules to [be] observed in the Proceedings of a General Court Martial.

All Witnesses shall be examined upon Oath, and no Field Officer shall be tried by any under the Degree of a Captain, nor shall any Sentence of Death be given against any Offender, unless a Majority of the Officers present shall concur therein, and such Majority be nine or More; and no Proceeding or Trial shall be had upon any Offence, but between the hours of Eight in the morning, and One in the Afternoon; nor shall the Sentence of any Court Martial be put in Execution, untill Report be made of the whole Proceedings to his Majesty or the General commanding in Chief, and his directions signified thereupon.

And if the General Court Martial be held in Ireland, the Sentence of such Court shall not be put in Execution, untill Report of the whole Proceedings be made to the Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom, or other Chief, Governor or Governors there for the time being, and his or their Directions signified thereupon.

All Members of Courts Martial shall behave themselves decently, and in giving their Votes begin with the Youngest.

Article 21st.

Every Soldier shall be taken before the next Justice of the Peace. and there take the Oath of Fidelity.

Every Non Commission Officer and Soldier who shall enlist himself in our Service, shall at the Time of his so enlisting, or within four days afterwards at farthest have the 7 and 10th of these Articles against Mutiny and Desertion read to him; and shall by the Enlisting Officer, or the Officer commanding the Troops or Company into which he is enlisted, be taken before the next Justice of the Peace of any County, Riding, City or Place, or Chief Magistrate of any City or Town Corporate (not being an Officer in the Army) and there take the following Oath.

" I swear to be true to our Sovereign Lord King George and serve him " honestly and faithfully, in defence of his Person, Crown, and Dignity " against all his Enemies and Opposers whatsoever and to observe and obey " his Majesty's Orders, and the Orders of the Generals and Officers sett over " Me by his Majesty.

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The enlisting Officer is likewise to take a Certificate from the Justice or Magistrate, that the Man enlisted did take the said Oath, and that the 7 and 10th of these Articles were read to him, as by the Act of Parliament is directed. Justice to give a Certificate.

ARTICLE 27TH.

All Governors, Lieutenant Governors and Officers commanding in our said Forts, Barracks and Garrisons, are hereby required to see that the Persons permitted by them to suttle, shall supply the Soldiers with good and wholesome Provisions at the Market Price, as they shall be answerable for the Same. Commanding Officers to see the Soldiers furnish'd with Provision at the market Price.

ARTICLE 33D.

No Officer or Soldier shall lie out of his Camp or Quarters, without Leave of his Superior Officer and every Soldier shall repair to his Quarters at the Beating or Sounding the Retreat; and whatever Officer or Soldier shall offend herein, or without Leave absent himself from his Guard, or shall neglect to come to the Parade, Place of Exercise or other Rendezvous, appointed by his commanding Officer (unless by Sickness or evident Necessity hinder'd therefrom) shall be punished according to the nature of his Offence by the Colonel, or commanding Officer of the Regiment. The Penalty of lying all night out of Camp or Quarters. Every Soldier is to repair to his Camp or Quarters at the Beating the Retreat.

ARTICLE 34TH.

If any Officer shall be found Drunk on his Guard, Party, or other Duty under Arms, He shall be Cashier'd for it. The Penalty of Drunkenness.

And if any Non Commission Officer or Soldier shall be found Guilty of the Same, He shall be punished by riding the Wooden Horse, Picketting, or some other such Corporal Punishment, as is practised in the Army in such like Offences.

ARTICLE 35TH.

If any Sentinel quit his Post before he is relieved from it, or shall be found Sleeping on his Post, He shall be confined till the next Regimental Court Martial and upon Proof thereof be condemned to run the Gauntlett which is a Punishment We think not fitting to be otherwise inflicted than by the Judgment of a General or Regimental Court Martial. The Penalty if a Sentinel quit his Post before he is relieved.

ARTICLE 37TH.

No Officer or Soldier shall by firing of Arms, drawing of Swords, or otherwise make Alarms in Camp or Quarters, under Pain of such Punishment as a Court Martial shall inflict.

ARTICLE 38TH.

And to the End that Offenders may in due manner be brought to Justice, We do hereby direct that when any Officer or Soldier shall commit any Offence for which Punishment may be lawfully inflicted by a Court Martial, the Person so offending may by order of the then commanding Officer upon the Place, either in Writing or otherwise, be put under Arrest and confined untill He shall be tried by a Court Martial for the same or otherwise lawfully discharged. How a Commanding Officer is to proceed when an Officer is put in Arrest or a Soldier committed to Custody.

And to the End that Officers and Soldiers may not by lying long under Confinement be hinder'd from doing their Duty, and others be obliged to do it in their Room, We hereby direct that upon every Offence committed, and not immediately punishable by such corporal Punishment as the then Commanding Officer shall think himself impower'd to inflict, He shall forthwith acquaint his Colonel or Officer commanding the Regiment therewith: who is with all Convenient Speed to summon Officers for composing a Regimental Court Martial for the Trial and Punishment of such Crimes, or within the Space of Eight Days at the farthest after the Confinement of such Offenders.

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And for all Crimes, Offences, and Differences, which at a Regimental Court Martial, they shall not judge themselves impower'd to decide and punish The Officer then Commanding the Regiment shall send to our Secretary at War, the whole Proceedings, Proofs, and Examinations made therein, in order to obtain our Order or the order of our General or Commander of our Forces, for a General Court Martial thereupon.

ARTICLE 41ST.

The Penalty if a Soldier sell or spoil his Arms &c^{t}.

or Steal his Comrade's Cloaths, Arms, &c^{t}.

Every Non Commission Officer or Soldier of Horse, Foot, or Dragoons, who shall at a Regimental Court Martial be found Guilty of having sold, or wilfully lost or spoiled his Horse, Arms, Cloaths or Accoutrements, or of Pilfering or Stealing his Comrade's or other's Soldiers Cloaths, Arms or Accoutrements, shall be subject to such Weekly Stoppage (not exceeding One half) out of his Pay, as the Court Martial shall judge sufficient for repairing the same, and suffer Confinement and such other Corporal Punishment, as in their judgement the Nature of his Offence may deserve.

ARTICLE 42D.

Prisoner's Names are to be returned within 24 hours.

And Every such Officer to whose Charge Prisoners are committed, is hereby required within (24) twenty four hours after such Committment, or as soon as He is relieved from his Guard to give in Writing to the said Commander in Chief, the names of his Prisoners, and of the Committers, and, as far as He knows, of the Crimes alledged against them, under pain of being punished for his Disobedience at a Regimental or a General Court Martial.

ARTICLE 45TH.

These Articles to be read Once every 2 Months.

The aforegoing Rules and Articles shall be read and published at the head of every Regiment, Troop, or Company muster'd or to be muster'd in our Service once every Two Months at farthest, and are to be duly observed by all Officers and Soldiers in our service, and also by our Company's of Gunners and other Military Officers of our Trains of Artillery.

The next Representation which We shall make will be the present Condition of the Fort, in Respect to its Buildings, Barracks, Magazines, and Ramparts, and shall begin at the Place We sett out from, which was the Main Guard Gate.

It need not be told You that it is a winding Passage without the least Communication with any Room whatever, and would be crowded were Twenty Men to stand [in] it, the Barracks, which should contain the Guard being near 80 Yards distant in the North West Area of the Fort. This We reckon in the number of defects, which You shou'd be acquainted with; for it is most certain, the Gate might be seized by Surprize, and by a few People, before an alarm can be given to the Soldiery in their present Barracks. We therefore judge it highly necessary that an Arch be turned Westward and another Eastward in the Passage within the Gate, and Guard Rooms prolonged under the Curtain Each way; at the Ends thereof to have Lodgings for the Subaltern Officers, the Cases of Arms, and Prisons, the whole extent of the Curtain East and West; by this Alteration the Men will always be ready, and being more immediately under the Eye of their Officers, better Order may be preserved among them, than possibly can be, lodged as they are at present; 'Tis a work easily compleated, and without either much Labour and Expence, as very few Materials for Building will be wanted therein.

We proceeded from thence round the Curtains where We found little more needfull to be done besides the clearing the Bastions of some Shells &ct. and giving Directions to secure the small Magazines, that are to hold the Powder for present Service, so as to prevent Accidents from Carelessness &ct.

Descending from thence to the S.W. Magazine which is capable of containing 450 Barrels of Powder, We thought it deserving of our Attention, and upon Enquiry, We were told, the first Arch or Covering was 3 Bricks in thickness, then

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a Space of about 3 feet filled with Earth or Sand, and over that another Arch of 3 Bricks more has been turned; so that allowing One Brick with its Mortar to be 10 Inches, Each of the Arches can be no more than 2½ feet of Masonry, and joined with the Earth, the whole does not exceed 8 foot, which in such a Position, We do not think can be said to be Bomb Proof, nor indeed any [*sic*] like it, since a very common Shell would perforate the outward Casing, and that done, Another Such would endanger the whole Fort, and all that may be in it; and We are more concerned to mention this, than any thing else, since both Workmen and Materials in large Quantitys will be requisite to make it what it ought to be. It is also closely confined by other buildings, namely those called the Paymaster's Lodgings, which must be taken down to make an open space of at least 35 feet round it; for as it is ill provided with doors and Traverses, the Effects of a Bomb falling near it, closely pent up as it is, may be of as fatal Consequence, as piercing the Arch; We would have this Area well railed in, and proper Centries placed at the Entrance of it.

Going to the Back Gate, where One Man stands Centry, which is the Landing Place for all Boats, and a pretty large Concourse of People being commonly thereabouts We think it necessary in future, that it should become an Ensign's Post, and that the People should be lodged in those Godowns, which have an Entrance into them from Each Side of the Gateway: As the Gate itself is but single, and liable to be burst by a Petard, We propose to fix Orgues in the Lodgings over it to lett fall on any Emergency.

The new Caserns ranged East and West by the side of the Southern Rampart is a necessary Building and no fault can be found with it, besides its being parted from the Sorting Godown by a Passage of barely 5 feet wide, and from this Passage are all the Entrances into it, which renders it liable to the same Accidents as those We spake of at the Magazine, save this, that a Bomb bursting in this narrow Passage might destroy only a few men by driving in the Doors and Windows of the Casern: and perhaps may shake down so much of the Warehouse, as to be obliged to remove many Tonns of Rubbish to get the People out again. The same Remedy of clearing here 35 feet in front of the Casern, We hold to be equally necessary, as that before the Magazine.

We now come to another Magazine of near 400 Barrels of Powder, at the East End of the Caserns, which Mr. Baker reports to be the best, as being least damp, of this We know not what to report, since 'tis neither of Shape, Make, or built for that Purpose; therefore We are to pray of You to let it be taken immediately into Consideration, and that some Skill be forthwith employed to render it safe and secure, and that You will order the hinges of all the doors to be made with Copper, the doors themselves to be doubled, the Jambs to be strengthen'd, and that they be plated tho' it can be done with nothing better than Sheet Lead.

All along the East Curtain are arch'd Apartments, which We recommend to be turned into Barracks for the Gunroom Crew, Elaboratories and other Services for the Artillery.

In our Progress We looked into the Storeroom, where the Master of Arms keeps his Musket and Pistol Cartridges; The Captains of the Military are of Opinion the greatest Part of them are too high for the Bores of their Pieces, and too slack for Service. We have order'd a new sett of Formers to be made and deliver'd to him. You will please to order him fresh Musket Powder on his returning that with which his Catridges are now filled, and that He sett about this Work with all speed

The South Side of the Fort should in our Opinion have some pro tempore Works raised to defend it till Time can furnish Us with Materials to do it more effectually: And We deliver it to You also as our Opinion in order to render a Bombardment less mischievous, that all Combustible Matters, more especially the Callicoe Cloths, should be sent out of the Fort, not only on Account of the danger of its

taking Fire, which is One Material Reason, but least We should be streightened in Case of a Siege for Room to lodge Grain and Provision which will be the Case if the Cloth remains in it.

As it is impossible for Us to foresee what may befall Us, in our Opinion the worst that can happen ought to be guarded against, which leads Us to inform You of the necessity there is of laying in a Sufficient Stock of Provisions, which We reckon should not be less than 100 Days for 800 Men, and upon Computation 450 head of Cattle with about 350 Hoggs salted up with Grain and Salt fish will do, And We hope You will give Orders accordingly.

The Outworks raised heretofore on the North side of Tevenapatam, if We are so fortunate to receive Succours from Bombay, deserve your Consideration, and We think so far from abandoning them, that for a small Expence they may be so far serviceable as to dispute the Enemy's Approach on that side inch by Inch. We fancy digging, and Pallasading a good wide Ditch will greatly contribute to the maintaining those Posts; This with contriving some Shelter for the People will be the whole Charge You need be at for the present. If You differ from Us in Opinion, all We shall say then is, 'tis requisite they should be totally destroyed.

The new Counterscarp, Horn Work and Lunetts, that are now in hand, We earnestly press may be pursued with the utmost vigour, as it is of the greatest Importance to have them so far compleated as to mount Cannon on them before the Squadron is to leave the Coast, and nothing will conduce thereto so much as giving good Encouragement to all kind of Labourers, and Artificers to come in; the Common hire together with some small Bounty in Grain will We believe be of good Effect, provided Care is taken to see them duly and regularly paid.

On the other hand to prevent frauds and Abuses in Conicoplys and others, who may have any share in the Payment of them, We think some Expedient ought to be found, and We cannot propose a better than the following One, which We will submitt wholly to your Judgement, and shall be very glad to have any other prescribed that will more effectually answer that Purpose.

We think that were You to order the Assay Master to stamp about 6000 Pieces of Metal (suppose a Mixture of Tin and Lead) with any One of his Dies, and these to be distributed to the Workmen at 7 in the morning, before they begin, and when the Time of Payment comes at night, to pay none, but those, who deliver in their Chops; and forasmuch as many People do not come so early, and as a great part of those, who do come are Women and Children, we would have 1500 Chops, marked on the Reverse 1, 1500 marked ¾, 1500 marked ½, and the remaining 1500 marked ¼; by this let a Cooley come at what Season of the day He pleases, or be they Women or Children, the Fate on the Chop will regulate their Pay proportionate to their Labour; to see this done it would be proper that the Paymaster should have at least two Gentlemen that are Covenanted Servants to inspect it, and see it be duly performed, and tho' some may think it beneath them to count Cooleys, We must say, that it is an Office at this time of such Importance to the Welfare of the East India Company; that they cannot shew their Duty better than by doing it with Cheerfulness.

Before We leave this Article relating to Workmen, We must repeat it again that all due Encouragement ought to be given not only to them that are here now, but to bring in as many more as can be got, as the Work in hand is sufficient to employ Multitudes: for this End We think furnishing them with Rice and Paddy at the Market Price with One Hollock bounty to every able bodied Man would be One good Step; for 'tis natural to suppose Labourers will go to that place, where they can be best fed and paid; and if we can once be so happy as to remove all cause for murmurs amongst them, We make no Question, but We may bring in numbers of hands from all parts of the Country; and as there are none of these kind of People, but are in Subjection to some Poligar or other, 'tis our Opinion a few Yards of Aurora, and other trifling Presents rightly placed, will not only keep them in good Humour, but engage them to send You what Men they can.

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Should the Number of Labourers encrease (as We hope they speedily will) of Course the Consumption of Materials for Building will do the Same, and this is a main Point to be consider'd; Brickmakers and Limeburners must be procured at all Events, or all that which is begun will be to no manner of Purpose, and it had been better no Beginning had been made. Therefore We both humbly and heartily request that neither Cost nor Pains may be spared to gather together as many as can be had, since the Topes and Walks of Trees in and about the Bounds will furnish them with firewood to to [*sic*] burn, and Clay for Bricks is almost every where; Shells for Lime are neither so near nor so plentifull, as the other, therefore it will be proper to hire as many of the Grain Vessels, as are needful to fetch them from all Places, where they can be purchased or procured.

The last thing We have to offer is the Regulation of the Gun Room, and the Appointment of Officers for the Train of Artillery, and may be said to be of as much Importance as any other thing We have hitherto mention'd.

It is proper this Corps should consist of at least 120 Effective Men, and as no Duty should be without Relief, 'tis necessary also that there should not be less than 8 Officers with Ensigns Commissions, and double the number of Subalterns, or Non Commissioned Officers under the Train; by this means proper Order and Regularity (so long wanting) will be introduced among them. Mr. Jones proposes the following Persons as qualified to carry Commissions. Messrs. Edward Burman, William Petch, Michael Collings, and Henry Collings, as they have all been Commanders of Shipping, and have approved themselves at Madrass, Men of both Skill and Courage, of these four the three last mentioned are now Prisoners of War, and We desire You would recommend them to the Notice of Commodore Griffin to be exchanged whenever an Opportunity shall present itself. When this is done four more will still be wanting, and with whom to fill up that number We as yet cannot tell, but hope when any Persons of Capacity willing to enter may come to your Knowledge, that You will give them due Encouragement so to do.

Mr. Jones promises that whatever Officers will engage themselves to serve for a Term not less than three Years shall have free Access to the Elaboratory for Fireworks, and shall be instructed by him in so much of that Art, as He himself is master of.

We have held You a tedious time in these our Reports, but We hope You will not think it misemployed to read so true a state of this Garrison; and as We have now done it to the best of our Judgements, We have the Satisfaction to Ourselves of having done our duty to the Company, You their Constituents, and our own Consciences, and shall therefore beg leave to subscribe with great Respect,

FORT ST. DAVID
1. MAY 1747.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Obedient humble Servants

JOHN DE MORGAN.
JOHN HOLLOND.
JOHN CROMPTON.
RODOLPH DE GINGINS.
GEORGE JONES.
PHILIP BAKER.

The Honble. Company's Ship Britannia, Capt. Jno. Somner, sail'd for England. 4
The Ship Fort St. George sail'd out of our Road for Tranquebar.

The Portugueze Ship Saint Anthony and Almas Santas anchor'd in the Road from the Eastward. 8

The Ship Princess of Orange Capt. Sampson saild to the Northward. 10

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Monday 11th.

At a Consultation

Present

Charles Floyer Esqr. Governour
Edward Croke. William Holt.
Alexander Wynch. Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

Genl. Letter from Bombay.

General Letter No. 34 read from the President and Council of Bombay, adviseing of the Arrival of three French Ships on their Coast, and promising that they shall not be unmindfull to supply Us with Stores &ct. but that being Apprehensive their Advices Overland may be intercepted, they choose to refer writing Us fully till another Opportunity.

General Letter from Madda-pollam.

General Letter No. 35 from Mr. Samuel Banks at Maddapollam, inclosing Duplicate of his former dated 6th of April, and accompanying his Accounts for the Months of January, February, and March.

Genl. Letter to Bengall.

General Letter to the President and Council of Bengall as Enter'd No. 27, is now read adviseing that We had drawn on them for the Sum of Twelve thousand Two hundred and Six Arcott Rupees, and four Anna's (12206. 4.) in favour of the Owners of Ship Prince of Orange, being the Amount of that Ship's Cargo of Rice, agreeable to the Terms of their Honour &ct. Contract.

Arrack Farmer petitions the Board.

Cootah Arrack Farmer presents a Petition to the Board, as Enter'd hereafter, setting forth that Several Persons are Guilty of retailing Arrack, and Toddy contrary to the Terms of his Cowle, which tending greatly to his Prejudice, He humbly requests that a Stop may be put to the Same, It is therefore Order'd that the Secretary do affix Copies of his Cowle at the Fort and Cuddalore, that all Persons may be acquainted with the Terms of it, and if any One should hereafter be found trespassing therein, It hereby is agreed that such Person or Persons so offending, be fined as the Board shall think proper.

Mr. Chas. Nicholls order'd from Porto Novo to Negapatam.

It being thought necessary to have some One in the Company's Service to reside at Negapatam, to the End that We may receive Early Advices of any Ships that may arrive on the Coast as likewise to forward our Orders to the Europe Commanders; It is therefore Order'd that Mr. Charles Nicholls now resideing at Porto Novo for the same Account do remove thither, and that the Governour do write a Private Letter to the Governor of Negapatam to request his Countenance for the Same.

House Furniture bought.

There being great Want of House Furniture for the Accomodateing the Commodore, and the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Squadron, Agreed to purchase what remains at the Garden house belonging to Mr. Hinde, and that a List of them be deliver'd the Steward.

Twenty horses order'd to be bought.

Some Good Horses offering for Sale, and it being thought they will be exceeding usefull in Case of another Attack from the Enemy; Order'd that Twenty be purchased on the Company's Account.

Copy of a Bond attested.

Mr. Moses Berend Heyman requesting the Board to attest a Copy of a Bond on the Honble. Company for Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas, The same is accordingly complied with.

An Investment taken into Consider-ation.

The Time of the last Years Investment expiring in January last, and the Place being at this time free from any Disturbances of the Enemy, by the Presence of his Majesty's Squadron; The Board now have it in Consideration, whether it be suitable to the present Circumstances of the Garrison to engage in a new One; in which No other Objection ariseing, but the Apprehension of not having a Sufficiency of Money to purchase that Business, and to defray the Expences of the Garrison, which must now be expected to be very considerable, and of very material Consequence; Reference is therefore had to the Ballance of the Honble. Company's Cash, and the Quantity of Treasure unsold, both of which being to a large Amount, the Board in General are of Opinion, as a farther Supply may be daily expected from Europe, that a small Part may be spared, without rendering the Garrison under any Inconveniency.

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The Merchants are therefore now called in, and discoursed with on the Subject of an Investment in which many Arguments being used to demonstrate to them the present cheapness of Cotton, and the little Demand of Callicoes in the Country, the French continuing entirely quiet, and no ways capable of interfering therein, They are at length satisfied with the Reason of these Circumstances, and as such come to an Agreement to lower the Prices, One Pagoda and a half the Corge cheaper than the preceding Year, but beg leave to inform the Board, that if any larger Abatement should be made, the cloth cannot be so good and substantial as it is at present, which might possibly occasion large Quantities to be turn'd out in sorting, so much that it might take a long time to dispose of, especially at the present Season, whereby they the Merchants might be render'd incapable of paying in their Ballances, which they humbly offer to our Consideration, but the Board being of Opinion that the Circumstances of the present time will very well admitt them to come to more reasonable terms, They were given to understand the Same, and desired to withdraw, and consider of it.

The Merchants discoursed thereon.

In the mean time the Governor informing the Board, that other Merchants have offer'd to provide half a Pagoda the Corge cheaper than Andiapa, AGREED that they be called in, and Recourse had to them, hoping by that means the Others will be induced to a more Speedy and favourable Resolution; They are therefore admitted, and desired to give Us the Rates, they can provide for, which being nothing cheaper than what the Governor advised of, It is supposed their Offers are only designed in Prejudice to the Old Merchants, who having greatly recommended themselves in their Performances the two past Years, and being far better acquainted with the Business, It is thought to be greatly for our Honble. Master's Interest to continue it to them, as well for the Advantage that may arise from their Experience, as likewise in Consideration of their past Merits.

Other Merchants offer to provide cheaper than Andiapa.

Accordingly they are again called in, and desired to give their final Answer, at what Rates they can engage for, when being acquainted with the offers that were made by other Merchants, and much Pains being taken to lower their Demands, They at length deliver in a List of the Prices as follows.

List of the Prices of Cloth delivered in

Long Cloth Fine at Pags.		57	—	—	instead of	58	27	40	Per Corge
Long Cloth Sheally	@	44	4	20	instead of	46	4	40	,,
Long Cloth Chinnamanackpollam.	@	41	22	40	instead of	44	4	40	,,
Long Cloth Worriarpollam.	@	41	—	—	instead of	42	33	60	,,
Long Cloth Middling blew.	@	40	—	—	instead of	43	—	—	,,
Salampores ..	@	18	18	—	instead of	19	13	40	,,
Soot Romalls Red ..	@	14	4	40	instead of	14	22	40	,,
Soot Romalls Blew..	@	11	9	—	instead of	11	27	—	,,

As for the Salem Cloth they beg Leave to defer settling any Price for that Sort, till they can be better advised from their Gomastahs in that Province, but nevertheless assuring Us they will not fail to lower it to the utmost in their Power, and that for the foregoing Prices, They engage the Investment shall be as good as usual. These Offers being esteemed something more reasonable, and the lowest they will come to, AGREED to abide by them for whatever Quantity of Bales they may be able to invest, since they cannot contract for any certain number, as that will depend entirely on what Advances We may think proper to make them, but withall they assure that if they are provided with Money They can procure to a large Extent.

The Terms being now settled AGREED that Andiapa be advanced to the Amount of Twenty thousand (20000) Pagodas and that Narrain Chitty and Irshapah Chitty have Three thousand (3000) Each.

Money advanced Andiapa on account of the Investment.

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Brilliant Snow bought at Outcry on the Company's Account.

The Brilliant Snow having been retaken by his Majesty's Squadron, and being Offer'd to sale at publick Outcry, It was agreed to purchase her on the Honble. Company's Account, for which the Agent's Bill is now deliver'd in amounting to Seven thousand, One hundred and fifty (7150) Rupees, and the same is order'd to be paid.

Ten Chests of Treasure order'd to be dispos'd of.

Edward Croke Warehousekeeper being order'd to dispose of Ten Chests of Treasure Containing 2474℔. 10 oz. 8 dwt. @ 14$\frac{7}{8}$ Dollars Per 10 Pagodas, for the purchase of Madrass Pagodas, He now pays in the Amount thereof as follows.

In Madras Pagodas 20000 @ 11 Per Cent Advance make Star Pagodas	22200	—	—
In Star Pogodas	465	26	—
Pags. ..	22665	26	—

the same being examined and found to be right, It is enter'd in Account accordingly.

Paymaster advanced.

Alexander Wynch Paymaster requesting to be advanced Three thousand (3000) Pagodas for Disbursements the same is order'd to be paid him.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW : CROKE.
WILLM : HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

TO THE WORSHIPFUL CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

The humble Petition of COOTAH Arrack Farmer

SHEWETH

THAT your Petitioner has held the Arrack Farm of the Honble. Company for five Years on Terms that none of the Europeans belonging to the Military should sell any Drams of Batavia or Columbo Arrack within the Company's Bounds, without your Petitioner's Permission, and those Persons that shall be found Guilty of any Such Crime, to be fined as your Worship &ct. shall think proper, and the Toddy fellows to sell their Toddy at the Gardens where they draw it; but now they act contrary to your Petitioner's Cowle; for they bring and sell their Toddy in the Town, and the Europeans, that came from Madrass have bought several Leagers of Batavia and Columbo Arrack from the Dutch Chief, and sell it to every Body in the Place at 6 fans. a Bottle, and some keep Punch Houses at the Colloway, Tevenapatam, and Cuddalore; formerly Michael Donovan Serjeant bought Batavia Arrack of your Petitioner for some time, but now He buys it of Mr. Smith and sells it to the Sick People in the Hospital, and to every Body in the Place: the Storekeeper likewise sells Arrack to several People: Your Petitioner lately complained to his Worship that Ensign Franken sold Arrack to the People and his Worship check'd him for it, but He sells Arrack again to the People, formerly when there was any Arrack come for the Gentrys or Black Merchants, the Arrack Farmer used to go and seal the Leaguers with his own Seal to prevent them from selling it to any other Person except the Company, Gentrys or the Arrack Farmer; Now there are some Leagers of Batavia Arrack come for the Dutch Chief, and black Merchants. Your Petitioner sealed the Leagers that came for the Merchants but as the Dutch Chief has transgressed the Orders given in your Petitioner's Cowle, and has made a Practice of selling Arrack to the Europeans belonging to the Military, which is a great Detriment to your Petitioner, and to prevent him from selling any more Arrack to them, your Petitioner begs that your Worship &ct. will be pleased to order your Petitioner to seal the Arrack that is come for him; there are several

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that sell Arrack underhand to the People, which will take up some time to discover: Your Petitioner bought Five thousand Pagodas of Arrack, in hopes He could dispose of it to the Military, and Ship Gentlemen; but now as there are several Punch Houses in the Place, and most Part of the Europeans, which came from Madrass, sell Arrack to the Military, and Black Inhabitants, Your Petitioner cannot dispose of his Arrack, therefore your Petitioner humbly begs, that your Worship &ct. will be pleased to put a Stop That the Europeans and Toddy fellows may not sell Arrack and Toddy in the Place; if your Worship &ct. pleases your Petitioner will keep a Punch House, and let the Europeans come, and buy it of him, or else hope your Worship &ct. will take the Arrack which your Petitioner has in his hands which will bind your Petitioner Over to pray &ct.

The Medway and Calcutta Sloop anchor'd in the Road from the Southward. 12

AT A CONSULTATION — FRIDAY 15.

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Gen'l. Letter to Bencoolen drawn out.

The Honble. Company's Ship Lapwing being loaded with such Supplies, as She can take in for the West Coast, and Captain Cheyne having informed the Governor this morning that She can take in no more, a General Letter is now drawn out to the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort Marlbro', as enter'd No. 28, adviseing of the Loss of Madrass, the Situation of our Honble. Masters Affairs on this Coast, and what other Occurrences proper for their Knowledge as Per Book, which being read and signed, The Secretary is order'd to close the Packet, and to deliver it the Captain together with his Sailing Orders as Enter'd hereafter.

Thirty Lascars ordered to be sent by the Lapwing to Bencoolen.

The Board takeing it into Consideration that Lascars may be much wanted at Bencoolen, It is order'd that Thirty be sent thither by this Ship, with a Syrang, and Two Tindalls, and One Nocquedah, and that the Storekeeper do advance them Two Months Impress for that purpose, and to debt Account Current Fort Marlbro' for the Amount.

Money advanced the Syrang.

Adanjee the Syrang desiring to be advanced One hundred (100) Pagodas for the Expenses of himself and Family during the Voyage, and agreeing to pay the same to the Governor and Council of Fort Marlbro' on his Arrival there: that Sum is accordingly now paid him, and his Receipt order'd to be enclosed in the Packet, due Notice being taken of it in our General to that Settlement.

Ensign Van Franken to be sent home by the Lapwing.

Ensign Van Franken being represented guilty of some Gross Misdemeanours, and greatly disapprov'd of by the Officers of the Garrison; It is judg'd proper that He be sent home by this Ship, which is accordingly order'd, and Directions given the Commander not to suffer him to go ashore at Bencoolen.

Capt. Cheyne delivers in his Manifest of private Trade.

Captain Francis Cheyne delivers in his Manifest of Private Trade on board the Lapwing, which being sworn to, is order'd to be enclosed in the Packett.

Fanny Sloop to be sent to the West Coast.

Agreed that the Fanny Sloop be loaded with the remaining Stores for the West Coast, and to be dispatched with all Expedition, to the End, that She may be able to return in August with Advices from that Place.

Money lent the Master of the Sloop.

Orders being given the Master for to prepare accordingly, He humbly requests in Consideration of his sudden Dispatch, and the difficulty of the present Times, That the Board will be pleased to supply him with the Sum of Five hundred (500) Pagodas at Respondentia for Account of his Priviledge, which He engaging to pay

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into the Company's Cash on his Arrival at Bencoolen, with the Premium of Nine Per Cent thereon, as likewise to make over his Effects on board for Security, the Same is agreed to be given him.

A Present made Mul Rauze.

Mul Rauze commanding Officer of the Peons having merited our farther Encouragement, AGREED that he be presented with a Tasherif of 400 Rupees.

Surgeon's Accts : deliver'd in.

William Belsches Agent for the Sick and Wounded of his Majesty's Squadron, delivers in his Several Accounts, attested by the Commander in Chief of the Squadron, which are deliver'd the Secretary, and One Sett thereof Order'd to be enclosed to our Honble. Masters in the Lapwing's Packett, and it appearing there is a Ballance due to him of One hundred Eighty Six Pagodas, Ten Fanams (186.10.), the Same is order'd to be paid him.

Money advanced the Steward.

John Smith Steward requiring to be advanc'd One thousand (1000) Pagodas to procure Provisions for the Garrison, ORDERED that the Same be given him.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW : CROKE.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

TO CAPTAIN FRANCIS CHEYNE
COMMANDER OF SHIP LAPWING.

SIR,

You are hereby directed to weigh Anchor, and Wind, and Weather, permitting, to make the best of your Way to Bencoolen, where You are [to] deliver the Packet directed to the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort Marlbro', and to follow such Orders as You shall receive from them. The Packet We now send You directed to the Honble. Court of Directors, We order You to forward to them on your Arrival at any Port in Great Britain, Observing to keep it always slung, and in Case You fall in with an Enemy, to be sure to heave it overboard before your Ship Strikes. We wish You a safe, and speedy Passage. Dated in Fort St. David this 15 May 1747.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

16 The Honble. Company's Ship Lapwing (Francis Cheyne Commander) sail'd for Bencoolen.

22 The Fort St. George Ninian Lowis Commander from Tranquebar anchor'd in the road.

23 The Honble. Company's Sloop Fanny Robt. Hamilton Master, sail'd for Bencoolen.

SATURDAY 23^{D}.

AT A CONSULTATION
Present
CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Genl. Letter from Vizagapatam.

General Letter No. 36 from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam read, acknowledgeing the Receipt of the Treasure, Stores, and Stationary Ware Per Ship Stanhope, and that they shall follow our Directions in sending One of the Chests of Treasure to Mr. Thomas Saunders at Ingeram.

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General Letter No. 37 from Mr. Richard Prince at Vizagapatam read, informing Us that in Consequence of several Letters, He had received from the late Deputy Governor Mr. Hinde desireing him to send up what Grain He could to this Place; He had accordingly dispatched five Vessels to Us with their Cargoes, besides the Ship Stanhope from Bengall, which as He should not have risqued so great a Part of his Fortune at that Juncture, but entirely with a view of relieveing the Garrison then in great Distress; He therefore takes the Liberty to recommend the same to our Care, and requests that We will dispose of it so soon as possible: and remitt him the Produce by the first safe Opportunity; AGREED that the Governor take upon him the Management of the Same. Genl. Letter from Vizagapatam.

The Fanny Sloop having taken in the remaining Stores, as was designed for the Supply of the West Coast, a General Letter is now drawn out to enclose Invoice and Bill of Lading thereof, and to direct that She be return'd to Us, as soon as possible after her Arrival with them, with an Account of their Situation; and other Particulars as Enter'd No. 29, which being read, and signed, the Master is sent for, and his Dispatches deliver'd him as Enter'd hereafter. Fanny Sloop dispatched.

The Season drawing on, in which the Enemy's Shipping may probably appear on the Coast, and the Reports We have giving Us Room to expect them very shortly, It is thought highly requisite that all necessary Caution be taken for the Security of any of our Honble. Master's Ships, that may be outward bound from Europe, and that Particular Regard be had to the Treasure they may have on board, as the Safety of this Garrison greatly depends upon being supplied therewith; In which Consideration as it is reasonable to think, that Discretion will occasion all such as are bound to this Coast to call at Negapatam as a Neutral Port for Intelligence: Upon this Supposition it is agreed as Mr. Charles Nicholls is now residing there, that He be Empower'd, on the Arrival of any of the Company's Ships at that Place, to land Two thirds of their Treasure, with all Expedition, and to wait our Orders concerning it, and after the Delivery of their Treasure, if He knows of none of the Enemies Ships on the Coast, then to order the Ship or Ships to repair hither immediately, but should there be any of the French Ships on the Coast, in such Case to order the whole of the Treasure on shore together with the Company's Packets and Private Letters, as likewise all other valuables, if He can obtain Liberty from the Government for it, and the Ship or Ships to remain at Anchor there till further Orders from Us: This Method being unanimously approved of at the present Juncture; A General Letter is accordinggly drawn out, and dispatched to Mr. Nicholls with Orders enclosed to the Commanders of any of the Company's Shipping for that purpose; Copies of both which are order'd to be enter'd hereafter. Genl. Letter to Mr. Nicholls incloseing Orders to the Captain of any of the Company's Ships that may call at Negapatam.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
WILLM. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

TO CAPTAIN ROBERT HAMILTON
MASTER OF SLOOP FANNY.

SIR,

You are hereby order'd to weigh Anchor, and Wind and Weather permitting to make the best of your way to FORT MARLBRO': where you are to deliver the Packet herewith deliver'd You to the Deputy Governor, and Council, and to follow the Orders You may receive from them. We direct that You endeavour to make the Land to the Southward of that Port about Manna, and there to try to gett Intelligence before You proceed to Bencoolen. You are likewise to observe to keep

your Packet slung, and in Case You fall in with an Enemy, to be sure to heave it overboard before your Vessel strikes. We wish You a good Voyage. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 23d May 1747.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

TO MR. CHARLES NICHOLLS
AT NEGAPATAM.

SIR,

Herewith You will receive Six Letters of the same Tenour and Date, directed to the Commanding Officer on board any English Company's Ship, that may call at Negapatam. We have Reason to think our Ships bound to the Coast this Season (Some of which are expected daily) will call at Negapatam for Advices; You are therefore to keep a good Look out, and as soon as they arrive, You are to send as many Letters on board as there are Ships: One to Each Ship, but before You send them, You must be certain they are English: A Note from You at first will do, to desire to know what Ships, and where bound to, if One of the Company's to come to an Anchor immediately. The Captains have Orders from Us in the Enclosed to send on shore at Negapatam Two thirds of their Treasure out of each Ship, which is to be done with all Expedition after their Arrival, which you are to receive, and to desire Mr. Mersen's Protection for it; Adviseing Us of it, and to keep it till You receive Orders from Us about it. After the Delivery of the Silver, if You hear of no French Ships upon the Coast, which You will hear from Us, You are immediately to order the Ship or Ships to this Port, but in Case there be any French Ships upon the Coast, then the whole of the Treasure is to be landed with the Company's Packetts and Private Letters, as also the Valuables on board them, if You can get Liberty from the Governor for it, and the Ship or Ships to remain at an Anchor there till further Orders from Us.

You are to keep this a Secret, and to acquaint no One with our Orders to You, and We are certain the Cautiousness of the Dutch will not permit Us to act publickly in this Affair, but as Governor Mersen must be acquainted with it, We think it convenient that Mr. Floyer write him about it to desire his Assistance in this Affair of so much Consequence to the Company.

Upon the Arrival of any of our Ships or upon any other Advices of Consequence, We think it best that You send them by a Cattamaran, as being the quickest and safest Conveyance. Take particular Care that the Captains do not loiter away their time in selling their private Adventures. If they dispute your Authority, You may show them our Instructions to You, which are to stand Good, till alter'd by Us.

We depend upon your Care and Fidelity in regard to what We have wrote above, and are,

FORT ST. DAVID,
23D MAY 1747.

SIR,
Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

— *MAY 1747* —

To the Commanding Officer on board
any English Company's Ship
at Negapatam.

Sir

This Comes to acquaint You that Madrass is taken by the French, and to our great Concern the President and Council are Prisoners of War. The Principal Authority on this Coast now devolves on Us, and as We have Reason to think the French will have a Force on the Coast soon, We therefore order You immediately on your Arrival to send on shore Two thirds of the Treasure You have on board belonging to the Company, and deliver it into the Care of Mr. Chas. Nicholls One of the Company's Servants sent there by Us, on this Occasion. You are by no means to neglect this Order, nor are You to make any Excuses on Account of your Bill of Lading not being deliver'd up to You, which shall be done as soon as possible after; This and his Receipt being a sufficient Discharge to You, till that can be done. You will advise further with Mr. Nicholls, to whom We shall send Directions in Regard to your Packetts, Cargo &ct. and We strictly order You to follow his Directions.

Commodore Griffin with his Majesty's Squadron are all safe at, and near this Place. We are

Sir
Your most humble Servants

Fort St. David,
23d May 1747.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

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The Macao Ship Nossa Senhora d'Esperanza esanta Catharine sail'd to the Southward. 25th.

The Ship Queen of Hungary John Thorpe Commdr. sail'd to Tranquebar.

The Honble Company's Ships, Warwick, Severn, Ilchester & Princess Augusta anchor'd in our Road from Bombay. 28

At a Consultation Saturday the 30th.

Present

Charles Floyer Esqr. Governor.
Edward Croke. William Holt.
Alexander Wynch. Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

Our Honble Masters Ships, Severn, Warwick, & Illchester together with the Princess Augusta lately ransomed from Angria, arriving here on the 28th. Instant from Bombay, brought us a General Letter from that presidency as enter'd No. 38 advising of having sent us by them sundry Stores & a Reinforcement of Men consist[ing] of seventy 70 Europeans, Two Hundred Topasses & one Hundred 100 well train'd Seapoys, All which under the Command of Capt. Thomas Andrews a good Officer, besides six Gunners under the Direction of Mr. Hugh [Flinn] an Experienc'd Man, They also inform us of having laden on board the [War]wick four Hundred & fifty 450 Bales of Cotton for [...] & that she [is] to take in at Tellicherry eight 8 Chests of Foreign Silver which the[y] tender to our Use, should the Occasions of the Garrison require it, otherwi[se] They request it may be forwarded to

Genl. Ltre from Bombay [and] Ships, Severn, & Warwick & Ilchester, with [a supply] of Stores.

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the Bay; The Ilchester They leave to [us] to dispatch to Europe, if We have any Loading for Her, otherwise They [recom]mend that She be sent to Anjengo to be filled up from thence as soon as the Season will admit, They likewise inclose to us an Account of the Cost & Charges of the Ship Princess Augusta, with Inventory of her Stores & Account of Impress Money advanc'd her, together with a General Account Curr^{t}. with this Settlement amounting to seventy ei[ght th]ousand, eight Hundred, twenty one Rupees two quarters & ninety six [raes] 78821. 2. 96 for which they desire Credit may be given the[ir Presiden]cy, That they have sent by the Princess Augusta Two Hundr[ed & thir]teen 213 Bags of Biscuit for the Use of his Majesty's Squadron [amount]ing to three thousand, six Hundred, & seventeen Rupees, three Qu[arters] & six Reas 3617. 3. 6 which they desire We will adjust with the Commodore.

Order to Cap^{t} Tedd to land his Military.

On the Arrival of the Foregoing Supplies an Order was immediately tendered Cap^{t}. Tedd signed by the Secretary as Entered hereafter to land his Military directly.

Bombay Detachment Order'd to the Comp^{y}'s Gardens.

All the Bombay Detachment being since safely landed AGREED that they be station'd at the Company's Garden & that the Steward have orders for the Dieting of them, and that a Table be kept for the Officers at the Company's Expence, the same being usual in such Cases.

Wh^{o}.k^{r}. pays Money into Cash.

Edward Croke Warehousekeeper pays into Cash One Hundred & ten thousand 110,000 Arcot Rupees which being examin'd is enter'd in account @ 340 P^{r}. % Pagodas, amounting to thirty two thousand, three Hundred & fifty two Pagodas, thirty three Fanams & seventy two Cash (32352. 33. 72).

Ditto D^{o}.

Ditto pays into Cash four thousand five Hundred 4500 Pagodas being in part for Rice sold this Month.

[B]eetle & Tobacco Farm paid in.

Irshapah Chitty & Persham Chitty pay into Cash three Hundred, seventy five 375 Pagodas for three Months Rent of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm due the 1st. of February last.

[PayMast]er advanc'd.

Alexander Wynch paymaster requesting to be advanced the Sum of ten thousand 10,000 Pagodas for to defray Charges Garrison & Buildings, the same is now paid Him as also Three thousand, Eight Hundred, Ninety two Pagodas, seventeen Fanams & ten Cash (3892. 17. 10) for the Payment of the Bombay Soldiers & new Peons.

[Stor]e-keeper advanced.

Thomas Cooke Jun^{r}. Storekeeper requiring to be advanced twelve Hundred 1200 Pagodas in Rupees for to defray the Impress of the Company's Vessels that Sum is likewise now Paid Him.

[The] Gov^{r}. requests an In[crea]se of his Diet Mo[ney] wh[ich] is granted.

The Governour Representing to the [Board] the considerable Encrease of strangers at his Table, since the Lo[ss of] Madrass, & that the Diet Money which was usually A[llowed] the Deputy Governour of this place is now become very [insufficient] for his Expences; In consideration hereof & of the extensi[ve expen]ces that were due to the Governour of Madrass. It is AG[REED] He be allowed one Hundred 100 Pagodas ℔ Month extra[...].

M^{r}. Jn^{o}. Duncombe ordered under the Accomp^{t}. &

M^{r}. John Duncombe being recommended to have some knowledge in Accounts, It is AGREED that He be removed from Under the Paymaster to be Sub-Accomptant.

M^{r}. Philip Bulkley under the Paymaser.

And that M^{r}. Philip Bulkley be entertained a Monthly Writer & to act under the Paymaster in his Room.

M^{r}. Henry Cope appointed Clerk of the Market. &

Great Impositions arising in the Weights & Measures, It is thought Necessary to appoint a Clark of the Market to oversee them & therefore ORDERED that M^{r}. Henry Cope do take upon Him that Employ.

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Mr. Henry Van Sittart ORDERED to assist under the Secretary. Mr. Henry Van Sittart to assist under the Secry.

The Governor having pitch'd on a Spot of Ground situated near the Company's Garden for to rebuild his House on, the same is now granted him, being in length 300 feet & in Breadth 240 feet & the Secretary ORDERED to deliver him a Certificate for the same. The Govr. requests a Spot of Ground to build a House on which is granted him.

Martin de Souza delivering in a petition for a Spot of Ground in Cuddalore measuring East & West 32 Yards & North & South 30 Yards the same is now granted him & his Petition ORDERED [to be] entered hereafter. Martin deSouza petitions a Spot of Grounted [sic] wch. is granted him

Mr. Moses Berend Heyman having a Quantity of licensed Silver consign'd to Him by the Ships Marlborough, Montford and Salisbury which has been detain'd at the Bay & hearing of some landed [here] from the Britannia belonging to the Gentlemen of Bengall, delivers in a Petition Requesting that He [may] receive what is here & upon due Examination of the Quantity, He will deliver us his Bill of Lading [to be] forwarded to Bengall, that the Gentlemen there may take out the like [quantity] out of what is consigned to Him at that place. This being esteemed [as a] Means to save the risque of both Parties, the sa[me is] granted [him and] the Warehouskeeper & Assay Master ORDERED to be present a[t the] Delivery & weighing off of the same, & his petition to be entered herea[fter]. Mr. Moses Berend Heyman petitions the board.

John Smith Steward delivers in his Account [Current] for this Month Ballance due from Him nine Hundred fifty two Pago[das] three Fanams & thirteen Cash (952. 3. 13) which He is ORDERED to carry forward & his Account to be entered hereafter. Steward's Acct. read.

Petition of William Heacock read Requesting the usual Gratuity for Relisting another three Years in the [Military] which is granted him & his petition ORDERED to be entered [hereafter]. [William Heacock] petitions to [Board].

The Governour Reads the Cash Account [for this] Month the Ballance whereof in Pagodas, Rupees, Fanams & [Cash] is thirty one thousand, eight Hundred & ninety seven Pagod[as] three fanams & fourteen Cash 31897. 3. 14 which is Ordered to be carried forward & the Account to be entered hereafter. Cash [Acct.] read.

Charles Floyer Mintmaster Reads that Account for last Month, Ballance Due therefrom being two Hundred & one thousand, Nine Hundred & sixty One A Rupees, & eight Anaes (201961. 8.) & eleven 11 Madrass Pagodas which is Carried forward. Mint Acct. read.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

[To] CAPT. JOHN TEDD
COMMANDER OF SHIP ILCHESTER.

SIR

You [are] hereby directed to send on sh[ore in] the Boats that are now sent you all the Military You have [on board] for this place. DATED in Fort St. David this 28th Day [. . .]

SIGNED by Order of the Governour & Co[uncil].

THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*
Secry.

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To the Worshl. Charles Floyer Esqr.
Deputy Governour of Fort St. David
&ca. Council.

The Humble Petition of Martin de Souza.

Sheweth

That the Honble Company has Ordered the Houses that Stand in the Collaway & Tevenepatam to be pulled down, As your Petitioner has lost his dwelling House & Garden & no Place for Him & his Family to shelter, and as there is a Spot of Ground lies Vacant at Cuddalore near Pedro Correas House & of no use to the Company Therefore your Petitioner humbly begs that your Worship &ca. will be pleased to grant that Ground to your Petitioner for to build a House upon, which favour will bind your Petitioner ever to pray &ca.

To the Worshl. Charles Floyer Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to offer to your Worship [&ca.] Consideration that as there is a Quantity of Licens'd Silver landed [on] board the Britannia that is Consigned to private Persons at [Bengall] & the President & Council having thought proper [to de]tain what wa[s de]signed to this Coast by the Ships Marlbro', Mont[ford] & Salisbury [&] cannot come hither 'till the Month of December & even then at some Risque, In these Circumstances I humbly presume it may be a g[reat] Conveniency to both parties, if the Silver that is here landed on Acco[unt] of private Gentlemen [at] Bengall, could be delivered the Persons whose Consignments are there detained, & they to send proper Directions for the Delivery of the like Quantity at that place by which means the Risque will be entirely saved on both Sides, I therefore Request, should your Worship &ca. have no Objections to this Method, that you wi[ll] Please to admit of my Receiving the Silver that has been im[ported] here & upon the Warehouskeeper & Assay Masters, Weighin[g &] examining the same, I shall deliver You my Bills of Ladin[g to] transmit to the President & Council of Bengall, that They m[ay] take the like quantity, out of what is Consigned to me at that Place, & as for any other Difficulties the Gentlemen at Bengall may start, (which I think can be none) I shall be always Ready to answer. I am

Fort St. David
the 30th. May 1747.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & most humble Servt.

Moses Berend Heyman.

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STEWARD'S [ACCOUN]T CURRENT.

Dr.					Cr.				
1747.					1747.				
MAY 1ST.	To Ballance brought from last Month	58	12	31	MAY 4TH.	By Charges feasting the Cuddalore Military	3	2	—
18	To Cash advanc'd me	1000	—	—	21.	By Charges feasting the Fort Dº. ..	3	31	—
					31.	By Charges feasting the Bombay Dº. & Sepoys	83	18	18
						By Charges Cattle	11	3	—
						By Godown Rent & Cooley Hire ..	4	27	—
							106	9	18
						By Ballance	952	3	13
	Pags. ..	1058	12	31		Pags. ..	1058	12	31

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ JOHN SMITH.

— *MAY 1747* —

To the Worshl. Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. David.

The Humble Petition of William Heacock.

Sheweth

That your Petitioner having serv'd the Honble Company his contracted time in the Military humbly Requests the usual Gratuity for Relisting.

& your Petitioner as in duty Bound, shall ever pray &ca.

Dr. THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH. Cr.

1747						1747					
MAY 1	To Ballance from last Month in Pags. ..	24313	—	—		MAY 1ST.	By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanc'd Him for Disbursements ..		1000	—	—
	in fans. ..	2248	3	51		11	By Edward Croke Warehousekeeper advcd. him for the provision of Grain..		6000	—	—
					26561 3 51		By Andeapah Advanc'd Him for Account of the Investment Vizt.				
	To Account Currt. Fort William Recd. of Captain John Somner Account of Luke Scrafton to be transmitted him By Bill of Exchange payable to Jno. Forster Esqr. or Order @ 345 Arc: Rupees ℔ o/o Pagodas				225 — —		in Pagodas ..	5000	—	—	
	To Account Current London Rec'd. of Mr. Samuel Barlow for Permission of passage for his Wife & Family to England ℔ Ship Britannia ..				25 — —		in Rups. 51000 @ 340 ℔ o/o Pags. ..	15000	—	—	
10TH.	To Profit & Loss gained by the Exchange of 1250 Pagodas into fans. at 39 ℔ Pag.				104 [6][..]						20000 — —
12TH.	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper recd. of him for the Amount of 10 Chests of Silver sold by Him Pz. lb. oz. dwts. 2474 10 8 @ 148⅛ Dollars Pr. 10 Pags. Vizt.						By Narain Chitty advcd. him for the provisions of Salampores in Pags.	1000	—	—	
	In Mads. Pags. 20000 at 11 Pr. Ct. Advance amount to Pags. ..	22200	—	—			in Rupees 6800 @ 340 ℔ o/o Pags. ..	2000	—	—	
	In Star Pags. ..	465	26	—							3000 — —
					22665 [26] —		By Irshapah Chitty advcd. him for the provision of Salampores in Pags. ..	1000	—	—	
30TH.	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper Receiv'd of Him for 110,000 A. Rs. @ 340 ℔ o/o Pags.				3233 [..]		in Rupees 6800 @ 340 ℔ o/o Pags. ..	2000	—	—	
31	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper receiv'd of Him in part for Rice Sold.				2 [..]						3000 — —
	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper Receiv'd of Him for Rice sold the Paymaster				2 [..]		By Brilliant Snow paid purchase thereof at publick Outcry in Rups. 7150 @ 340 ℔ o/o Pags.				2102 33 7[5]
	Carried over ..				[.. .. ..]	13	By Alexr. Wynch Paymaster advd. him for Disbursements in Pags.	2000	—	—	
							in fans. ..	1000	—	—	
											3000 — —
							By Account Presents given to Mulrauze Officer of the Peons 400 Rupees ..				117 23 24
							Carried over ..				38220 21 19

Dr.					Cr.		
1747	Brought over ..	[..]			38220	21	19
MAY 31	To Profit & Loss gain'd by the Exchange of 2250 Pagodas into fans. @ 39 Pr. Pagoda	[..]					
	To Irshapah Chitty & Persham Chitty Bettle & Tobacco farmers [recd.] of them for 3 months Rent of that farm due the 1st of february last ..	375	[..]				
					1747 MAY [..] By William Belsches Agent for the sick & Wounded Paid him	186	10 —
					By Jno. Smith Steward advanced him to procure provisions for the Garrison ..	1000	— —
					By [Account] Current Fort Marlborough lent Capt. Hamilton @ Respondentia to Bencoolen	500	— —
					By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanc'd him for Disbursements, 4080 Rupees at 340 ₱ % Pagodas ..	1200	— —
					By Account Curt. Fort Marlbro' lent Adangee Syrang to be paid at Bencoolen	100	— —
					By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanc'd him to defray Charges Garrison and Buildings in Pags. .. 7500 — —			
					in fans. .. 2500 — —			
						10,000	— —
					By Alexr. Wynch Paymaster Advcd. him to pay Bombay Soldiers & new Peons.	3892	17 10
						55099	12 29
					By Ballance carried forward in Pags. .. 29357 — —			
					in fans. .. 2540 — —			
						31897	3 14
	Pags.	86996	15	43	Pags.	86996	15 43

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℔ CHARLES FFLOYER

—— *JUNE 1747* ——

AT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY THE 1ST.

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Mr. John Haliburton delivers in Lre to ye. Board.

Mr. Thomas Saunders Resident [at] Ingeram having advanc'd the sum of five thousand 5000 Pagodas or thereabouts on the Honble Company's Account, to avoid trouble [to] this Board under our late Circumstances He has desired [Mr. John] Haliburton by Letter under the 26th. Febry. last (a [copy] is now produced) to receive the same on his Account, Mr. John [Haliburton] therefore now delivers in a Letter as entered hereafter, Re[. . .] his Name to be paid that Sum, Agreable to Mr. Saunders's [. . .] the foregoing Letter which the Board AGREEING to [is now] Paid accordingly, & a Copy of his Receipt ORDERED [to be entered] hereafter, likewise that Advice be given of it in our next [letter] Mr. Saunders, directing him to give due Credit to this [. . .] for the same.

Capt. John Tedd delivers in a Report concerng. the bad Condition of his Ship. A Survey order'd on her.

Captain John Tedd d[elivers in a] Report as Entered hereafter, setting forth that the Ship [Ilchester] had received great Damage, the Pilot having run her Ag[round while] coming out of Bombay Harbour, which had occasiond her [to make] near 17 Inches of Water an Hour, & that 'tis the Opinion [of him]self & Officers, She is not fit to proceed for Europe with[out being] Repaired, ORDERED that the Secretary do serve an Or[der to the] Commanders of the other Ships to survey her, & that they [should give] their Opinion in writing of what is necessary to be done [. . .] ℔ the Copy of their Order after this Consultation.

Storekr. advanc'd.

The Storekeeper Requesting to be advanced six Hundred 600 Pagodas in Rupees for Disbursements on the Company's Vessels, the same is ORDERED to be paid him.

Lre from Mr. Charles Nicholls at Negapatam.

Letter from Mr. Charles Nicholls at Negapatam as entered No. 40 Read acknowledgeing the Receipt of ours of the 23 Ultimo with the enclosed Orders for the Europe Commanders that may Arrive at that Place & that We may depend on his Care & fidelity in complying with the Instructions We gave Him.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW. CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.

[To CHAR]LES FLOYER ESQR.
[GOVERNOUR] &CA. CO[UNCIL]
OF [FORT] ST. DA[VI]D.

SIR & SIRS

Mr. Thomas Saunders Resident at Ingeram, informs me by a Letter dated the 26th. February that the Honble East India Company was indebted to him the sum of five thousand Pagodas or thereabouts & desires me to receive it here on his Account, As that Gentleman has advanced this Sum at the present Juncture to avoid giving your Board any Uneasiness, & a Supply of Money being lately Arriv'd, I request in his Name that you will be pleased to order it to be paid to me on his Account according to his desire as signified in the Letter abovementioned. I am with great Respect

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 26TH. APRIL 1747.

SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient and most humble Servant
JOHN HALIBURTON.

RECEIVED of Charles Floyer Esqr. Governour of Fort St. David &ca. Council the Sum of five thousand 5,000 Pagodas Current of Madrass being a Part of a Ballance due from the Honble United English East India Company to Mr. Thomas

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Saunders Resident for the said Company at Ingeram, & which by Letters from the said Thomas Saunders produced here He has desired me to receive on his Account. WITNESS my hand in Fort S^{t}. David the third Day of June 1747.

JOHN HALIBURTON.

TO THE WORSH^{L}. CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

SIR & SIRS

This is to acquaint your Wor[ship] &c^{a}. Council that the Ship Ilchester coming out of Bombay [har]bour, the Pilot run her on the middle Ground, where She su[nk up]wards of five foot & thump'd very hard which has occasion'd [her to] make near 17 Inches Water an Hour & still Continues [making] a great deal of Water, & is the Opinion of myself & Officers [that] the ship is not fit to proceed to Europe without being hove [down] imagining She has Received a great deal of Damage [We] desire your Worship &c^{a}. Council would please to order [to repair] the Ship, before any Lading is taken in her for Europe. [I am]

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
THE 2^{D}. JUNE 1747.

WORSHIP^{L}. SIR & SIRS
Your most humble [Servant]
JOHN TEDD.

TO CAPT^{S}. MISENOR, COLLIER,
BEST, & JACOBS.

GENTLEMEN

Captain John Tedd having Represented that his Ship the Ilchester is become very leaky from the Damage She received in coming out of Bombay Harbour & that it is the Opinion of himself & Officers that She is not fit to proceed to Europe without being hove down, You are therefore desired to go on board & survey her & to deliver in your Report of her Condition.

SIGNED By Order of the Deputy Governour & Council by

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
[...] June 1747.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servant
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}.*
Secry.

6TH. The Pearl bro^{t}. in a Portuguese Ship from y^{e}. S^{o}.ward & anchor'd in y^{e}. road.

8 A Macao Ship from Pondicherry Offin anchor'd in our Road.

MONDAY THE 8TH. AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THO^{S}. COOKE, *Jun^{r}.*

[Genl. Ires.] from Bengal. General Letters from Bengall N^{o}. 41 & 42 read, informing us of the Arrival of our Honble Masters Ship, Princess of Wales at that place on the 11th. March & advising that by the Sloop Clapham, They had sent us a Packet, together with a Cask & Chest of Medicines which they received by that Ship directed for Madrass Presidency & desiring when We have Opportunity that We will supply them with four Hundred 400 Tonns of Redwood for the Kintledge of the Homeward bound

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ships this Season, also Directing, that if any of the Honble Company's Ships should fall in at this Port & have any Bullion on board for their Place, that We change it into Arcot Rupees if procurable with us, as they meet with great Delays & other Inconveniencies in being obliged to sell it to Futtichund's House.

General Letter N°. 43 read from M^r. Saunders at Ingeram advising that M^r. Prince had sent him Invoy[ce] of Wares & Stores & eight thousand 8000 Rupees, agreable to [his] Direction, That M^r. Hinde having wrote him to prepare for an Investment He had done accordingly, but that Madrass Pagodas was the Currency with Him & if procurable would be best, though nevertheless He had prevailed on the Merchants to take the Rupees at the same rate as the Upparah Merchants had taken them of M^r. Prince & that they would contract for six Hundred 600 Bales by Christmas. Genl. Lre from Ingeram.

General Letter No. 44 read from Viz[agapa]tam signifying the Receipt of the Treasure sent them by Sloop Occident & that they should follow our Orders in supplying the Gentlemen at the other Factories as they might have occasion, & desiring that further Advances might be sent them, might be in Pagodas as they could employ few or no Rupees at Upparah, likewise enclos[ed] Indents for Wares & Stores to [be] supplied with on the Arrival of the expected Shipping. Genl. Lre from Vizagapat^m.

General Letter N°. 45 Read from [Tellicherry] advising of the Ships Severn, Warwick & Ilchester with [Princess] Augusta having sailed from Mount Dilly to our Port, [. . .] to have the Commanders Directions rela[ting] to the [. . .] left behind them at Tellicherry, Also enclosing us a [Packet from] the President & Council of Bombay together with the Ilch[ester's char]ter Party & a Letter from the Governour to Cap^t. Tedd. From Tellicherry.

As the successful Beginning the [French] have made in India to the Destruction of the English [there is] little room to doubt but they will use all means in their [power if] not to add to their Conquests, at least to maintain their o[wn] Possessions, together with what they have already acquir[ed it] being Reasonable also to believe that this will be the crit[ical time] which will decide the fates of the English & French East [India] Companies, as likewise that the latter will exert their [maximum] Strength to disable our Squadron as they must be sensible [. . .] encreasing daily, & as such a Blow wou'd in all probability [prevent] our Recovering ourselves at this Distance from Home during [the] remaining Part of the War, These weighty Circumstances leav[e] us nothing less at stake, than a great Part of the Nation's Hono[ur] & the future being of the English Company, The Board are unanimously of Opinion they are sufficient Motives to induce them to vigorous Proceedings, even out of the common Road, It is therefore proposed as the Ships Warwick & Ilchester have fallen under our Orders, and as there is no immediate Use for them in the Company's Trade, That We make a Tender of them to Commodore Griffin to assist in his Majesty's Squadron 'till such time as our Honble Masters Service may Require them, which being AGREED to A Letter is ORDERED to be prepared accordingly & sent the Commodore as entered hereafter & that We wait his Answer thereon. Agreed to make a Tender to the Commodore of the Ships Warwick & Ilchester.

The Ship Jenny being on her return to Bengall & the Captain having informed the Governour that his Intentions are to call at Vizagapatam, It is thought a good Opportunity to forward a farther Supply of Cash to the Northern factories, & therefore AGREED that We lade three Chests of Treasure on her containing as follows; Supply of Treasure Agreed to be sent to the N°.ern Factories per Ship

One Chest mark'd N°. 1 q^tg. ten thousand 10,000 Mad^s. Pag^s. & ten thousand 10,000 A: R^s. For M^r. Prince & Council at Vizagapatam.

One Chest mark'd N°. 2 Cont^g. ten thousand 10,000 Madrass Pagodas & five thousand 5000 Arcot Rupees For M^r. Thomas Saunders at Ingeram.

One Chest mark'd N°. 3 q^tg. fifteen Thousand 15,000 A R^s. for M^r. Andrews at Ganjam.

Which being as much as can well be spared from the Occasions of this Garrison, It is hoped it will prove a Proper Supply for their Use.

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[Repor]t conce[rning] [rice] from Ben[gall]

Edward Croke Warehousekeeper delivers in a Report, representing the Loss that will arise to our Hoñble Masters in Receiving the several Cargoes of Rice from Bengall by Weight, instead of Measure Agreable to the usual Custom of the Place, which as We are obliged to do in Consequence of the terms of the Contract made by the President and Council of Bengall with the Owners, all We have in our Power is to cause the greater Exactness to be had at the Receival & delivery of it & therefore ORDERED that the Worehousekeeper make one of his Assistants attend the Godowns on all such Occasions, & that the Keys of the Godowns be always in the Warehousekeeper's Possession Except at the Time of the Delivery & his Report hereof to be enter'd hereafter.

[Report] Survey of Ship [Ilchester] deliver'd in.

Report Survey of the Ship Ilchester delivered in by several Europe Commanders wherein they give it as their Opinion that she has sustained great Damage, & ought as soon as possible to proceed to some proper place to Refit, ORDERED that the said Report be entered after this Consultation & that a Copy of it be delivered Mr. Griffin that He may judge of it & act with her as He shall think necessary.

Surgeon advanc'd.

William Belsches Agent for the sick & Wounded of his Majesty's Squadron requiring to be advanc'd fifteen Hundred 1500 Pagodas that Sum is ORDERED to be paid him.

Paymaster advanc'd.

Alexander Wynch Paymaster requesting to be advanc'd four thousand 4,000 Pagodas for Disbursements th[e] same is Ordered to be given him.

L̃re from Capt. Tedd.

Letter from Capt. Tedd read request[ing to] know the Resolution of the Board regarding the Condition of his Ship AGREED to defer the same 'till We receive Mr. Griffin's Answer to our foregoing proposal, & that Capt. Tedd's Letter be entered hereafter.

Private Trade Agreed to be sent to Bengall ℔ Phaze Salam.

THE BRITANNIA having landed her Private Trade for the Gentlemen of Bengall at this Place, ORDERED that the Warehousekeeper do forward the same thither by the Phaze Salam and that A List of them be enclosed [in a] Letter to the President & Council by that Ship.

CHARLES [FLOYER].
EDW: CR[OKE].
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS CO[OKE, *Junr*.]

To THOMAS GRIFFIN ESQR.
COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF HIS
BRITANNICK MAJESTY'S
SQUADRON IN INDIA.

SIR

The Ships Warwick & Ilc[hester] being arrived here from Bombay & having fallen under our [Orders] We have come to a Resolution to make an offer of them to serve in your Squadron upon the Preservation of which depend almost all the Company's Settlements in India, As in all Probability this will be a critical Year, We are of Opinion nothing ought to be neglected in our Power that can be an Addition to your force, in the Success whereof the Honour of our Country & the Interest of our Masters are so nearly Concern'd, We shall therefore put the Captains of these two Ships if You please, immediately under your Command untill there is a safer Opportunity of employing them in the Companys trade. We are very sincerely

FORT ST. DAVID
8TH. JUNE 1747.

SIR
Your most obedt. humble Servt.
CHARLES FLOYER &CA. CO.

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To the Worshipful Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governor &ct. Council of
Fort St. David.

Worshipful Sir and Sirs,

I take the Liberty to acquaint Your Worship &ct. that in this Place, It has all along been our Custom to measure of [*sic*] all Grain imported for the Company's Use, till this Season, that We have been obliged to receive it in by Weight, for as Mr. Hinde wrote to Bengall last Year adviseing the great Scarcity of Grain here, the Governor and Council there contracted for the Company with the Owners of three Ships Cargo, (Namely) The Jenny, Fort St. George, and the Prince of Orange, that they should deliver their Rice here by weight, allowing in their Contract 2 Buzar Maunds Per Bag, and 56 Bags Per Garse, but when they deliver'd it Us, they allowed Us but 160 ℔. Per Bag, whereas Our Madrass Conicoplys and Others inform Us it is usual to allow 10 Per Cent upon a Maund, which makes it 165℔. Per Bag, which makes a wide difference and considerable Loss in a large Quantity, but We have further experienced that Even had We that Allowance yet the Company must sustain a great Loss by this contracted Method of weighing: for some days ago We weighed off a Garse of Rice, in the Presence of Mr. Cope and some others, when alloweing 165℔. Per Bag it then turned out 58⅜ Bags, by this You may plainly apprehend in such large Quantities, when We come to deliver it out by Measure what great Sufferers our Honble. Masters must be, and as I am Warehouskeeper, I think it my Duty to advise You of it, at the same time to prevent any Blame, that may in future be cast on me, and as I design to have the said Rice carefully measured off in order to represent to your Worship &ct. the particular Loss arising thereon; I request some Gentleman or European may be appointed to be present, that the Grain Conicoplys may not play any Fraud, as hitherto they have not been capable to do, never having the Keys in their Custody, but when they deliver out Grain. I am with Respect

Fort St. David
June 8 1747.

Worshipful Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Edward Croke.

To the Worshipful Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governor &ct. Council of
Fort St. David.

Worshipful Sir and Sirs

Pursuant to your Orders We have been and carefully examined the Ship Illchester of which Captain Tedd is Commander and We are acquainted by the Captain and Officers of the said Ship, that She run upon a Shoale called the Middle Ground coming out of Bombay Harbour, occasioned by the Carelessness of the Pilot, where She struck hard several Times, which has occasioned her to make Seventeen and Eighteen Inches Water an hour, and still continues to make a great deal; and it is our Opinion the Ship must have received a great deal of Damage, when She was ashore and ought as soon as possible to proceed to some proper Place in order to repair those Damages, before the Worms penetrate too far, and be attended with worse Consequences. We are

Fort St. David
June 8th 1747.

Worshipful Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Joseph Collier.
Robt. Misenor.
Edward Jacob.

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To CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVERNOR &CT. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

SIR AND SIRS

You having receiv'd the Report of the Condition of Ship Illchester the 5 Instant, Agreable to your Request from Captain Joseph Collier, Captain Robert Misenor, and Captain Edward Jacob, and having received no Answer makes me trouble You with this Letter, and hope You will take it into your mature Consideration, and give a Speedy Answer, and am,

FORT ST. DAVID.
JUNE 12, 1747.

SIR AND SIRS,
Your most Obedient Servant,
JOHN TEDD.

9 The Honble. Company's Snow Brilliant, John Byers Commander sail'd last night for Marcawn.

10 Last night the Macao Ship sailed out of the Road.

15 The Ship Phaza Salam James Irwin Commander sail'd for Bengall.

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MONDAY THE 15TH. AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr*.

[Lre] from Bengall. General Letter No. 46 read from the President & Council of Bengall respecting their Necessities for a Supply of Money & recommending to us to send them whatever Treasure We may receive by the Ships that may call at this place, that they have accepted our Bill in favour of Messrs. [Fytche &] Burrows & shall discharge the same, That the Houghton Capt. Worth arrived there on the 5th. April having come last from Bencoolen & enclosing Copy of a Letter She brought from the [Deputy] Governour & Council of Fort St. George together with the [...] & offering if it be not convenient to us to supply them with the Particulars They mention They will do it from thence at the Proper [Season] that They have examin'd Capt. Worth concerning his leaving this [place] in December & inclosed send us his Reasons thereon And that some small Parties of Morattoes had been plundering about Ballasore & large Bodies were shortly expected.

Lre from Fort Marl [borough to] Fort St. George. General Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlborough to the President & Council of Fort St. George dated the 29th. October is now read enclosing Indents & other particulars as ℔ Book No. 47.

[Capt.] Worths Defence [to the] Council of [Bengall rea]d. Captain Worth's Defence to the Presidt. & Council of Bengall Regarding his leaving this Place together with the two Consultations that were held by Him & Officers on the Occasion, being examined It is ORDERED that they be enter'd after this Consultation, That our Honble Masters may Judge of the same, The Board only Remarking that what is said of the Risque run in giving too easy a Credit to Mr. Hinde's Hand Writing appears as an After thought & Hint taken from the Capture of the Princess Amelia, & as such it may be imagined He has improved from the Perusal of that Accident, No mention being made in the Consultation of Officers of any such necessary Caution.

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Letter & Protest from Capt. Tedd delivered in as entered hereafter in the former Requesting to be supplyed with 24 Men in lieu of those He has landed at Tellicherry, & the Latter declaring us answerable for all Accidents that may befal his Ship for detaining her from going to refit, The same being taken into Consideration & the Governour acquainting the Board, that Commodore Griffin has accepted the Offer that was made him to put the Ships Warwick & Ilchester under his Direction, Orders are now drawn out to the Commanders of each Ship as entered hereafter, and AGREED that hey be supplied with such Military, Ammunition & Stores as may be necessary for that Service, also that We refer Capt. Tedd to the Judgement of Mr. Griffin regarding the Condition of the Ilchester. Lre & Protest from Capt. Tedd deliver'd in.

The Warwick being made over [to] the Direction of Commodore Griffin, It is thought necessary [to] land what Cotton She has on board for Bengall & therefore [...] than an Order be tender'd Capt. Misenor for that Purpose [as entered] hereafter. Order sent Capt. Misenor to land his Cotton.

The Warehouskeeper deliv[ered a] report under the 10th. Instant representing the Inconvenie[nce that] will attend the Pulling down the present beating Godown, [...] other is to be had, the Company's Investme[nt] must conseq[uently] be at a stand, & requesting in Case that Building should [begin] to come down, that He may be supplyed with Workmen & [Money] to erect another at a Proper Distance, otherwise that W[e make] him know where the Company's Cloth can be kept secure from [Ver]min, This being the substance of his Report, ORDERED that [it be] enter'd hereafter & in Consideration thereof It is AGREED that [the] said Godown be permitted to stand another month in w[hich time] Mr. Croke is ORDERED to pursue the Curing of the [Cloaths with] all Expedition to the End that our Honble Masters Inves[tment] may suffer as little as Possible from the levelling the sam[e] as it was the unanimous Opinion & Resolution of the [Council] of War that all Buildings should be cleared away with [in twelve] Hundred 1200 Yards of the Fort, And as We have already the [con]cern to observe that the Expences of the Garrison & Works on hand are too great to admit us to think of making any further Advance on account of the Investment; Upon these Circumstances the Board see no absolute Necessity for the Preserving of it, & with regard to his Request for Workmen & Materials to erect another He is desired to wait 'till there is a greater Occasion for it, The forwarding of the Fortifications being in general esteemed of much more material Consequence at this Present Juncture and for the Securing of the Cloth on hand, He is directed to lodge it in the best tiled Godowns that can be got in Cuddalore which though He objects against on account of Vermin, The Board are of Opinion that if due care is taken It may be kept very safe, since the Black Merchants keep their Cloth all the year round in no other & very rarely meet with any Damage. [Wareho.kr. reports] to the Board.

Mr. William Holt delivers in an Address to the Board Representing an Insult He has received from Mr. Edward Hardwick whom the Governour having confin'd in the Fort on the Occasion 'till a Proper Examination could be had on it, has this Morning made his escape Upon which He requests the board to take the Affair into Consideration & to grant him such Satisfaction as may be thought Proper, AGREED that his Letter be entered after Consultation & that strict Search be made after Mr. Hard[wick] & if fou[nd] that He be called before us to answer for the same. Mr. William Holt addresses the Board.

The Storekeeper having requested an Advance of one thousand 1000 Pagodas for Disbursements the Governour acquaints the Board that He was paid the same the 13 Instant. [Storekeeper] advanc'd.

The Ships Phaze Salam Jenny & Rotterdam sailing this Day for Vizagapatam & Bengall, the following General Letters are now drawn out. read & signed. Vizt. [Letter] to Ships [Phazed Salam Jenny [Rotterdam] vizt.

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To Bengall advising that We had dispatched the Britannia to Europe on the 4th. Ultimo & the Lapwing to Bencoolen on the 16th. Do. That We are sorry It is not in our Power to supply them with any Part of the Treasure received by those Ships, our own Necessities being so great & our Credit quite sunk that We cannot account for the Consequences had We not been so happily reliev'd by them, but that We are in daily Expectation of more of the outward bound Shipping, when their Honour &ca. may depend on our sending them as much of their Treasure as We can spare from our own Occasions, but Requesting, in Case it should happen, that none of the Ships should call here but proceed immediately to the Bay, that they wou'd not fail to remit us in August, a Part of what they might receive by them, as otherwise this Garrison would be in the utmost Distress, That We had perused the West Coast Indents & now enclose them a List of what We have supplyed that Settlement by the Lapwing & Fanny Sloop & desiring as We have no other Vessel that We can now spare that their Honour &ca. would please to supply them at a proper Season with the remaining Stores they Indent for & We will take it upon ourselves to send them in the Month of August the Cloth & Salt they require that We have observed Capt. Worth's Justification for leaving us in the Manner He did and wish it may not be found that in endeavouring to Prove too much He has proved too little; That for the Reasons as mention'd in our former Consultation We had put the Ships Ilchester & Warwick under the Commodore's Direction, & We hope the Importance of the occasion would Justifie that proceeding to our Honble Masters, That by the Ship Phaze Salam We had sent them what Private Concerns landed here from the Britannia for the Gentlemen in Bengall [&] inclosing a List thereof & requesting their Honour &ca. would plea[se] to supply us with ten thousand 10,000 Quire of Cartridge Pap[er] as likewise with two Hundred 200 Bags of Salt Petre, & that [We] should Contract for the Redwood Aggreable to their Ind[ent] We have Opportunity, also representing to them at Large the [...]-tion of the Garrison should the Squadron leave the Coa[st until] any Succours arrive from Europe & solicit[ing] them in [the strong]est Terms to send us a Reinforcement of Men & Arms [and] with what other necessary Supplies in their Power as [℔ particu]lars as Entered in the Letters sent No. 33.

To Vizagapatam, Ingeram & Ganjam.

To Vizagapatam, Inge[ram & Gan]jam advising of the Supplies of Money sent them by [Sloop] Jenny & other Particulars as ℔ Book No. 35. 36. & 37.

To Maddepollam.

To Maddepollam No. 3[...] Coja Meerza's Original Obligation for the Money adv[anced] for the Provision of Chay Goods, & permitting Mr. Bank[...] accommodating that Affair to remove to Ingeram as the [...] of the Country He is now in will admit of no Business [...] on for our Honble Masters.

Two Chests of Medicines Order'd to be sent to Bengall ℔ Jenny.

The Britannia having brought out a Couple of Chests of Medicines consigned for Bengall Presidency Ordered that they be now forwarded thither by the Ship Jenny, which as well as the Fort St. George having delivered their Rice Cargoes and the Warehousekeeper Producing an Account thereof, Agreed that Bills of Exchange be drawn out to the President & Council of Bengall for their Amounts, That in favour of the Owners of the Ship Jenny being for twenty three thousand seven hundred & sixty five Arcot Rupees & five Annaes 23765. 5. And that in favour of the owners of the Fort St. George being for twenty two thousand & twenty nine Arcot Rupees & eight Annaes 22029. 8. also that a separate General Letter be prepared to advise of the same as entered No. 34.

Genl. Lre to Bengall.

Charles ffloyer.
Edw: Croke.
W. Holt.
Ar. Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

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[Hon]ble John Forster Esq[r].
[President] & Gover[nour] &c[a]. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

According to the Commands I received when call'd before you Yesterday, I shall now give my Reasons for going to Bencoolen in my outward bound Passage & for returning there again from Fort St. David which I hope will prove sufficient for my Justification to you & to my Honble Masters at home.

When got into the Latitude of 1. 26 S°. having beat ten Days & gain'd very little against strong N°.W.erly Winds & having sixty Men at that time infected with the Scurvy & incapable of Duty on the 17th. September I called a Consultation of my Officers who unanimously Agreed that it was for the Interest of the Honble Company & my Owners to make the best of our Way to Bencoolen, which We accordingly did & arrived there the 28th. but before that time had twenty Men more down with the Scurvy, Which I think Justifies the Necessity of this first Step. I herewith deliver you Copy of that Consultation.

I left Bencoolen the 31st. October having stayed but just time enough to recover my Men & by Contrary Winds was obliged to stand over to the Coromandel Coast, where I fell in with Pulacat the 2d. December in the Evening, when thinking I had drift enough to Madrass I lay too but in the Morning found the Current had set me to the S°.ward of Cobelon I then stood off and on for eight & forty Hours against Strong N°.erly Winds, but finding I rather lost than gain'd & my Main mast being sprung & unable to bear any Sail on it, I thought proper to go to Fort St. David to repair it & arrived there the 5th.

Immediately came off the follow[g]. Letter from M[r]. Hinde.

Sir Fort St. David 5th. Dec. 1746.

" It is with great Pleasure I observe an [English] Ship in the Offing, The Surf " runs so high I fear the M[assa]las cannot get to You & as You lay so much to " Windward [the] Cattemaran will be some time in doing it I imagine [that] " to be the Britannia if so please to fire three Guns & hoist a Pendant at the Main " Top mast Head & come nearer in [...] considerably [...] safe here Thank God " & [...] Danger."

" I [am in] great [haste]."

Sir,
[Your m]ost Humble [Servant]
John Hin[de].

Which I answered by acquainting Him who I was & when[ce I] came about two Hours after I receiv'd a second Letter from [M[r].] Hinde as follows.

" Sir

" I did not mention in my last [Letter by] the Cattemaran that Madrass is " taken & now [in possessi]on of the French as I thought you must know [I shall] " beg of you for God's Sake, You will immediately co[me] in & send all your Packets " ashore by the first [boat &] your Money as fast as ever Boats come on board [for " there] are three Ships lying in Pondicherry Road, If You'll [come] where our " Boats can Reach You, I'll send you to morrow Morning off 40 or 50 Men as you " shall want them. Please to Anchor the Flag Staff bearing W[t]. by South, We will " keep lights at the Flag Staff all Night, & desire You will do the same at your Main " Topmast Head. I am ".

Sir

Your most humble Servant

John Hinde.

P.S.

Pray Hoist the Light & fire One Gun when you receive this & do not neglect to observe any part of it.

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Hearing Madrass was lost & the above Letters being Signed only by Mr. Hinde it occurred to me that it was not impossible but the Place might be in the Hands of the french And (as I knew not Mr. Hindes Hand) This might probably be a Finesse to take my Ship & having observ'd that one of the ships in Pondicherry Road was so far rigged as to be able to be down on me the next Day, I called a Consultation of my Officers when We AGREED it was very unsafe to stay there & determined to stand to Sea & bear away to Batavia, Therewith deliver you Copy of a Paper dated the 5th. December signed by myself & Officers which includes that Consultation.

I must beg leave to observe to your Honour &ca. that the Manner in which the Princess Amelia has been taken by the French at Madrass shows that my Precaution was not groundless.

As my Intention to go to Batavia was from no Private views but for the Security of the Ship alone, I thought [Proper] to call at Moco Moco on the Coast of Sumatra for intelligence determining to go no farther if all was safe there & accordingly arrived there the 3d. January where I acquainted the Chief of all that had happened. On the 14th. I received a Letter from the Governour & Council of Fort Marlborough desiring I would bring my Ship up there, as it would be of great service to the Honble Company, since the News of Madrass. This I complied with & arriv'd there ye. 16.

After having supplied that Settlement with what Warlike Stores &ca. belonging to the Company they had occasion for I left it the 6th. Febry. & made the Best of my Way hither.

I now hope I have clear'd myself from all Blame in these Proceedings as I can assure your Honour &ca. I have had nothing in View but the Interest of those I am concern'd for as well the Honble Company as my Owners. I am with Respect

[CALCU]TTA. HONBLE SIR & SIRS
[THE] 14TH. APRIL 1747. Your most obedient humble Servt.
ISAAC WORTH.

AGREED By a Consultation held on board the Ship Houghton by Isaac Worth Commander of the said Ship & the Principal Officers thereto belonging for the Security & safety of the Honble United Et. India Company's Effects on Board the said Ship, Having upwards of 60 People infected with the Scurvy & many more in a weakly Condition which renders us incapable of keeping the Sea having beat 10 Days & gained very little the Winds mostly between the No. & West therefore We do Agree & hold it in our firm Opinions for the good and Safety of the said Company & Owners to make the best of our Way for Bencoolen to recover the People to which hereunto We set our Hands.

DATED THE 17TH. SEPTR. 1746.

FLOWER RUSSEL 3d. *Mate.*
BEAN BRADLEY 2d. *Do.*
ALEXR. MAY 1st. *Do.*
ISAAC WORTH, *Commandr.*

SHIP HOUGHTON Isaac Worth Commander Decr. 5th. 1746.

Came to an anchor in Fort St. David Road about two o'Clock in the Afternoon & about 4 Do. a Cattemaran came on board with a Letter from Governour Hinde directed to the Com[mander] of the English ship in the Offing the Contents of the Letter was that He imagined me to be the Britannia & if so to fire three Guns & hoist a Pendant at the Fore Topmast Head & to come nearer [...] for they were all safe & thought in [no] Danger, On the Receipt [of] this I wrote him where I came from & what [times] left England [...] not suspecting in the least of Madrass being in Possession of [the] French at 8 at Night I received another Letter from Deputy [Go]vernour Hinde informing me Madrass was taken & in Poss[ession] of the French & desired me for God's sake to come immediately in & send my Packet ashore by the first Boat & Money as fast [as] the Boats came on board for

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there was [*sic*] three large Ships lying [at] Pondicherry Road which I was very sensible of having Pass'd [by] at Noon they seemed to be 50 or 60 Gun Ships, One of them ha[d the Top] Mast up which looked as if she was Preparing to sail, & [...] shore upon this I called my Officers & informed them of M[adrass having been] taken, On which We AGREED unanimously to weigh & stand [out to sea] directly not thinking it Safe to continue there all Night [...] for certain would have been there next Day and as to Depu[ty] Governour Hinde's private Letter to send Packets, Money &c^{a}. ashore co[uld pay] no regard to it having no Consignments for the Place, about 11 o[clock] at Night the 5th. Instant the Ship being under Way & standing to sea called a Consultation of Officers to agree where We should proceed for the Good & Safety of the Company & Owners upon which We agreed unanimously to go to Batavia Judging that to be the safest Place by Reason of a Sloop which called at Bencoolen & inform'd there was no french ships at Batavia Nor in the Streights of Sunda, neither had they heard of any in those Seas, therefore We judge it safest for the good of the HONBLE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY'S Effects to proceed to Batavia & lye there till the Monsoon Shifts and then proceed to Bengall to which We hereunto set our Hands.

DATED ON BOARD THE SHIP
HOUGHTON THE 5TH. DEC^{R}. 1746.

FLOWER RUSSEL 3^{d}. *Mate.*
BEAN BRADLEY 2^{d}. *D^{o}.*
ALEX^{R}. MAY 1st. *D^{o}.*
ISAAC WORTH, *Command^{r}.*

TO CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR
[OF] FORT S^{T}. DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

WORSH^{L}. SIR & SIRS

WHEREAS the Chief &c^{a}. Factors of Tellicherry Detaind 24 of my Men agreable to Charter Party do request that your Worship &c^{a}. would please to order me 24 Men in the room of them till such time I have an Opportunity of getting my own Men, And am

ILCHESTER
[...] 1747.

WORSH^{L}. SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servant
JOHN TEDD.

[TO THE WORSH^{L}. CHARL]ES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
[GOVERNOUR] OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID [&C^{A}. COU]NCIL.

WHEREAS I wrote to your Worship &c^{a}. Council for a Survey of the Ship ILCHESTER the Pilot running her on the middle Ground coming out of Bombay Harbour which occasioned her to make near 17 & 18 Inches Water an Hour, & still continues to make a great deal of Water, Whereas the 2^{d}. Instant you were please [*sic*] to order Cap^{t}. Joseph Collier, Cap^{t}. Robert Misenor & Cap^{t}. Edward Jacob to survey the said Ship & to give in their Report of what Condition She was in which you receiv'd the 5th. Instant & having no answer to it, I wrote in to your Worship &c^{a}. Council the 12th. Instant & having not received any Answer, I do therefore protest against You the Worshipful Charles Floyer Esq^{r}. Governour &c^{a}. Council of Fort S^{t}. David, In behalf of myself & Owners of the said Ship the Report you received from the above Cap^{t}. Joseph Collier, Cap^{t}. Robert Misenor & Cap^{t}. Edw^{d}. Jacob is that the Ship must have receiv'd great Damage & ought as soon as Possible to proceed to some Proper Place in Order to repair those Damages before the

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Worms penetrate too far & be attended with worse Consequences And I do therefore declare You answerable for all Losses & Damages, that may in any wise arise or be sustained in Consequence thereof & do request a speedy Answer.

GIVEN under our Hands this 16th. Day of June 1747.

JOHN TEDD.
WILLIAM DOUGLAS.
EDWARD FOLEY.

To CAPT. JOHN TEDD
COMMANDER OF SHIP ILCHESTER.

SIR,

We have received your Le[tters of the] 2d. & 12th. Instant the former advising [of the] Damage [your ship] had received in coming out of Bombay Har[bou]r & requ[esting that] We would appoint a Survey to be made of Her, The [other wanting] to know our Resolution thereon, in Answer to both whic[h we are] now to acquaint You that for some material Reasons [we] thought it necessary to make a Tender of your Ship to [the service of] Commodore Griffin who having accepted thereof, We here[by order] you to follow his Directions, strictly willing you [not to deviate] therefrom, under Pain of the Company's Displeasure [as you will] answer to them for the Consequences, We therefore [direct] Him to inspect into the Condition of your Ship a[...].

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 16TH. OF JUNE 1747.

SIR
Your most humb[le] [Servants]

CHARLES F[LOYER].
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYN[CH].
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun*[*r*]

To CAPT. ROBERT MISENOR
COMMANDER OF SHIP WARWICK.

SIR

Some material Reasons having induc'd us to make a Tender of your Ship to the Service of Commodore Griffin who having accepted thereof, We hereby put you under his Direction, strictly requiring you to observe whatever Orders you may at any time receive from Him & not to deviate herein under pain of the Company's Displeasure as you will answer to them for the Consequence. We are

[FORT ST. DAVID]
[THE 16TH. OF JUNE] 1747.

SIR
Your most humble servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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[To Capt.] Robert Misenor
[Comman]der of Ship [War]wick.

Sir

We having put you under the Direction of Commodore Griffin as ℔ our Order of the 15th. Instant You are to land what Cotton you have on board belonging to the Company consigned for Bengall by the Boats that will be sent you for that Purpose. We are

[F]ort St. David
the 17th. June 1747.

Sir
Your most humble Servants

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

To the Worshl. Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

I must now advise You that I had a very commodious Beating Godown conveniently situated near a sandy Bank proper for the drying the Cloth about 370 Yards from the Fort, & when the Houses were ordered to be cleared away 400 Yards fr[om] the Fort, This Godown was Ordered to be pulled down with them, th[ere]fore I was obliged to move the Cloth into another Beating Godown about 700 Yards from the Fort which Godown Mr. Wynch the Pay[mas]ter, has for some Days been very pressing to have pull'd down I request to know where the Company's Cloth can be carried to & sa[ved] from [the] white Ants, besides there is no [. . .] be got, all tha[...] being already taken up with the Company's Grain [. . .] the Present Godown must be demolish[...] Company's [. . .] consequently must be at a Stand as We have [. . .] but if you will please to order Assistance to remove [. . .] of the first Godown & Chunam to run it up, I shall see [. . .] Spot & build it up with all speed till when be pleased to [permit the] Present Godown to stand I am with Respect.

Fort St. David
the 10th. June 1747.

Gentlemen
Your most obedient [humble servant]
[Edward Croke].

To Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Sir & Sirs

The Occasion of this Address [is to com]plain of the ill usage I have receiv'd from Mr. Edward Hardwick [on Sun]day the 7th. Instant.

The Occasion of the Complaint I [would] relate with as much truth as I think the Mind of Man is capa[ble] of.

On Sunday the 7th. Instant I had occasion to come from Cuddalore hither, the Heat of the Weather made [me] take the opportunity of coming early in the Morning on Horse back I breakfasted with the Governour, did my Business & was going [home] again, The Ferry Boat over the first River was so extreamly

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crouded [*sic*] with Passengers, black People, that the Boat was ready to sink, happening to have no Servant with me that could speak English, I cryed out to them to clear the Boat, there being a great Clamour & Noise among them Disputing who should get out first, & as the Boat I really thought must either be staved, or would sink before it could get over the River I whipt out of my Palanqueen & with a Horse Whip I had in my Hand struck those that were nearest me, Several of them got out, In the meanwhile the Boat Fellow puts off, just as I was striking a young Lad whom I did not Particularly know or distinguish by any means whatever from any other Person in the Boat 'till He cryed out He was a Gentleman's Servant, but did not mention whose & made signs by which I understood the Boat was out of his Depth in Water, & that He could not get ashore without Danger of drowning, However I gave him another Stroke such an one as could not hurt him & bid him come in but at the same time chiding him for coming in when He sa[w the] Boat was so full, By this Action I no more suspected have [. . .] affronted or done injustice to any Man breathing, that I spent the rest of the Day doing my Duty in my Station at Cuddalore till about 7 in the Evening when sitting at the Choultry in Cudpany [*sic*] with Mess^{rs}. Smith, Irwin & Rosewell with M^{rs}. Golightly, M^{r}. Hardwick coming in was offered a Chair, He set down for a little while then taking me on one Side desired to speak with Me, The Subject of the Conference was as follows, He told me I had us'd him very ill & had taken great Liberties with him, I ask'd him in what, in striking my Servant (replies He) when says I. In the Boat this Morning I denied I had so done, not knowing that I had struck his or any Man's servant, He persisting that I did, & that I had struck him after He had told me He was M^{r}. Hardwick's I persisted upon my Word & Honour that I did not. Which was really & sincerely the Case, for had I known it had been M^{r}. Hardwicks Servant, I believe It would have been the very last I should have lain hands on; He told me I certainly knew whose Servant He was & threatened to cane me. As I that [*sic*] I told him He might do as He thought Proper, but it was the Liberty I or any of the Company's Servants would take in the Company's Boat's to strike any Passenger in such Circumstances when the Boat was sinking, Will You, says He, then (calling me abusive Names) take that for your Pains, striking me violently with a Cane, I return'd the Blows with a Stick I had in my Hand, This cane being thicker, & ferril'd, By repeated Blows He knock'd me down, but recovering soon & Blood gushing very smartly from the Wounds He gave me I had no more to do than to get them dress'd as well as I could I called to my Servant that was by to send for a Guard which He accordingly did & got him secured, My Head being bound & the Blood stopt I came to the Fort desiring M^{r}. Floyer to have him secured, till I could make Complaint against Him in Consultation, The first Consultation since being on Fryday last, The Note comeing to me too late & business of Consequence to the Company falling out, I could not attend, since which this Day being appointed by M^{r}. Floyer for a Hearing between us in Consultation [he] has this Morning made his Escape from the Fort, & is the [occa]sion of this Address that you may take into Considerati[on] [and] give me such Satisfaction as you may think proper for so [great] an Insult.

I will add no more than that if such [vio]lences are suffered to be co[ntinued] upon us with Im[punity, the] Administration of our Offices [. . .] Government mus[t] [fall] into the utmost Confusion For [. . .] I had resolute [...] as my Letter to M^{r}. Floyer can Prove no[...] in [. . .] without some redress for the Injury, If no redress [. . .] am determin'd for England, where the Laws are oper[...] Man & Redress for Injuries may be had from the hi[ghest to the] lowest. I am with much Deference & Respect,

Delivered to M^{r}. Floyer in
FORT S^{T}. DAVID
THE 15TH. JUNE 1747.

SIR & SIRS
Your most obed^{t}. hu[mble servant]
WILLIAM [HOLT]

18TH. The Hoñble Companys Snow Swift from England & S^{t}. Helen[a] anchored in our Road

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AT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 22D.

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOR
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE *Junr.*

The Honble. Company's Snow Swift arrives.

Our Honble Master's Snow Swift arriveing in this Road on the 18th Instant from Europe, The Council was summon'd that morning in Expectation of receiving a Packet by her, but finding that She brought nothing but a Couple of private Letters from the Secret Committee, (one of which to the Governor, the Other to the Commodore) there was no Sitting that day, as there was nothing for notice but the Accounts We had from the Captain, the most remarkable whereof, being, that the Porto Bello Sloop dispatch'd hence for Europe sailed from St. Helena on the 10th February: That the Somerset and Pelham left the Cape homeward Bound on the 4th April, that the London and Augusta were to leave it on the 13th and that the Walpole had either passed that Place, or was taken by the Appollo and Anglesea Privateers then cruizing thereabouts.

Gen. Letters to Bombay and Tellicherry.

General Letters to Bombay and Tellicherry are now read, containing our Acknowledgements for the Assistance We had received from them, and adviseing of the Arrival of the Swift Snow, and of the foregoing News received by her, as Per the Copies thereof as enter'd Nos. 40 and 41.

Ensign William de Morgan desires to be continued in that Commission. Examination is had into the manner of his Escape from Madras.

Ensign William de Morgan arriving here a few days past, and making Application to be continued in that Commission: Examination is thereupon had into the manner of his Escape from Madrass, In Vindication whereof He humbly refers the Board to a Letter He wrote Mr. Hinde when at Vizagapatam, under Date the 8th April, wherein He had given a perfect Relation of that Proceeding; The said Letter being produced by the Governor, is deliver'd the Secretary, and read, as Enter'd hereafter, and as it appears from the several Articles of the said Letter, as well as from other Accounts, that He did not desert his Post, till the Surrendry of the Town was actually agreed on, which putting it out of his Power to be of any further Service in the defence of it, He then escaped with his Men thinking to come immediately to the Relief of this Place, then in the utmost want of Assistance; And as it likewise plainly appears, that by this Proceeding, He was not only the Preserver of his Men, but of a Couple of Ships, that must otherwise have infallibly fallen into the hands of the Enemy. In Consideration of these Consequences, and of his good Intentions to come to the Relief of this Garrison, The Board think it but just, that He be acquitted herein, and as such it is order'd that a new Commission be drawn out, and deliver'd him to act in his former Capacity.

Agreed to give him a new Commission.

Petition of William de Morgan.

He therefore presents the Board with a Petition representing the Expences of his Journey in coming over Land from Ganjam, and requesting to be allowed his Pay for the Months, March, April and May; The Latter is granted, and in Consideration of the former, Agreed that He be allowed One hundred (100) Rupees, and order'd that his Petition be enter'd hereafter.

Lieut. John de Morgan delivers in his Opinion in Writing.

Lieutenant John de Morgan delivers in his Sentiments in Writing, as Enter'd hereafter, regarding the Situation of the Garrison, and containing such Methods and Regulations, as He conceives to be absolutely necessary for the Preservation of it after the departure of the Squadron; The same being taken into Consideration, is in General approved of, but more particularly his Proposal for appointing a Superior Officer, which, as our Forces are now so largely encreased by the Arrival of the Bombay Detachment, as well as by the number of Black Military, makes it extreamly requisite, and as it is uncertain how soon We may be furnished with such a Person from Europe; The Board now come to a Resolution of supplying that Station for the present with the most Experienced Person that can be had, which being thought upon, Captain George Gibson, belonging to his Majesty's Squadron, occurs to the Board, as One most capable of that Charge, He having the Character of an Old and Experienced Officer: He being therefore in General

Capt. Geo: Gibson pitched upon to be Cap: Commandant of the Garrison.

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approved of; It is Agreed to request Commodore Griffin to spare him to assist as Captain Commandant of the Garrison, and that We desire the favour of Captain Gibson to accept of the Same; which They consenting to, a Commission is order'd to be prepared accordingly and the Copies of our Letters on this Occasion to be enter'd hereafter.

All Grain to be imported Custom free.

The late Drought having occasion'd a vast Scarcity of grain in the Country, and there being no more in Store, than what has been lately imported from Bengall, which as We find is not sufficient to last the Garrison above four months at farthest; In these Circumstances It is judged highly requisite to give all necessary Encouragement for a farther Importation of that Article, in the Months of August, and September, and therefore AGREED to write to Bengall, and the Northern Factories to send Us such Supplies as may be in their Power, and that whatever Quantity may be imported during those Months, shall be imported Custom free.

Contract made for Redwood.

The President and Council of Bengall having indented for a Quantity of Redwood in their Letter of the 16th March for the Kentlidge of our Honble. Masters homeward bound Shipping: A Contract is now made with Packala Rownapa for the Quantity of Five hundred (500) Tonns to be provided by him at the Rate of Pags. 2½ Per Candy, and to be delivered at Dongarazpatam (alias Armegon) at or before the 15th Day of September next ensuing and on failure or Non Performance thereof, He the said Packala Rownapa to forfeit the Sum of Two hundred (200) Pagodas, as by the Copy of his Contract Enter'd hereafter.

Ship Princess Augusta deliver'd over to the Commodore.

Our Honble. Master's Ship Princess Augusta being unloaded and having no immediate Employ for her, Agreed that She be for the present made Over to the Directions of Commodore Griffin: An Order is therefore drawn out to the Commander for that Purpose as Enter'd hereafter.

Paymaster advanced.

The Paymaster requesting to be advanc'd Three thousand (3000) Pagodas for Disbursements, AGREED that the Same be paid him.

Pagodas order'd to be purchased

There being a Scarcity of Pagodas in the cash Chest; ORDER'D that the Warehousekeeper do purchase Ten thousand (10000) on the Best Terms.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE *Junr.*

TO THE WORSHIPFUL JOHN HINDE ESQR.
GOVERNOUR OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFUL SIR

With Submission I beg leave in these few Lines to beg your Worship's Pardon for my Negligence in not writing to You before: not doubting but You are mercifull enough to forgive.

I must make bold herein to give your Worship a full Account of my Proceeding from the time of my leaving Madrass, and in what manner, to the day of my Arrival at this Place, of which I will leave You to judge whether I was Right or Wrong, for I do assure your Worship very sincerely, that what I did, was entirely with a View to serve the Company by saving them so many Men, whereas if I had staid, those poor Wretches would perhaps have been drowned among the Rest, and I should have been bound upon Parole of Honour, so that I could have been of no further Service to the Company, whereas now I can lawfully fight for them, and will do it as long as I have Life in Me.

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Now Your Worship will please to observe that on the Tenth day of September at Seven o'Clock in the morning, as I was walking about upon my Post (which was, Vernon's Battery in the Black Town) all on a Sudden I see a great Confusion among the Peons, calling out to one Another, that the Place was surrender'd, and in about Two minutes Time the Black Town was clear'd of all the Peons; After they had all got out, They went towards the Sea Gate at the white Town, where they met with the Head Poligar: and the Governour's Dubash: As they were returning back to my Battery to go away, I made my men stand to their Arms, and threatned the Peons, if they offer'd to advance, that I would fire upon them; upon which they stood and the head Polygar with the Governor's Dubash came up to Me, Sobbing, and crying, Saying the Place was deliver'd to the French, and that the Governor had order'd him with all his Peons to make their Escape, where they thought proper, upon which I let them go; and I stood there for a good while, till I was tired, then I set myself down on One of the Pyalls, till at last I see some Europeans from the white Town come running towards Me, upon which I immediately looked up at the Sun, afterwards at my Shadow, and judged it then to be about 9 o'Clock; presently after I see some more Europeans and Topasses come running out of the Sea Gate of the white Town; then I began to think it full Time for Me to make my Escape; Upon which, I said to my Men (as I was determined not to surrender Myself Prisoner) My Lads (says I) have You a Mind to be Prisoners? They answered, No, then say'd I, My Lads stand by Me, and follow, so We lipped over the Walls with Arms, and Ammunition, and march'd away to Pullicat with a Resolution not to surrender Ourselves to any French Parties, that might be sent after Us. I march'd till about five in the Evening, Expecting every minute a Body of Horse or Foot after Me; at that time I set myself down in a Choultry, being very much tired and fatigued with marching. About an hour after I saw a Body of Armed Men marching up towards Me: I immediately put my Men under Arms, which was forty Six including Black, and White, and waited for the Event, but they proved to be our Men, that had made their Escape, and were coming to join Me, when my Number was increased to a hundred Men including Europeans and Topasses. After their joining Me I waited half an hour longer, and set out from that Choultry, and marched all that night till about One in the Morning (which was the Eleventh day of September) when I made my second Stage, laid Myself down, and rested till about three the same Morning and about Ten I gott into Pullicat, where I was all that day laid up, by Reason my Leg was so swell'd I could not set it on the Ground: The Men were obliged to sell their Arms and Ammunition for their Maintenance, or else they must have starved, for the Dutch would assist Us with nothing, and if it was not for a friend I got acquainted with, when I was at Fort St. David, I must have starved, for I had not a cash in the World: I laid in that manner quite helpless, Expecting every minute to be sent back to Madrass: And did intend, as soon as my Legs were well to have sett out with all my men for Fort St. David; but as it happen'd The Vernon (Mr. Morse's Ship) came in the next day, which was the Twelfth of September, She being quite destitute of hands, having on board only Three Lascars, and those would not go any further in her, I put myself and as many men as I could get to go along with Me on board purely to assist Mr. Archer in saving that Ship, and We had nothing to depend on for Provisions, but Paddy and Water, and that I got with much Difficulty: We trusted to Providence, and weighed Anchor at 12 o'Clock that night, and were making the best of our way for this Place, when about Ten the next morning We made a Sail ahead of Us, which proved to be the Wake, Captain Norton, from Bengall bound to Madrass laden with Rice, who assisted Us with Five Baggs of Rice, a Jarr of Ghee, some fowls, and Four Sheep; Afterwards Captain Norton tacked and went away to Maslipatam, and on the 20th We met him again, and kept company till We arrived here, which was that same day in the Evening, the same Evening We landed, and Every Man was enter'd in the same Station they were in at Madrass, but they encroaching so much upon Mr. Prince's Civilities and Good nature, that He could not bear with them; and was obliged to send them away to Bengall: I don't doubt but your Worship is sufficiently informed of their Behaviour to Me.

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If this can be called a Crime or an Act of Cowardice, Your Worship is best judge. Here I will wait your Mercy and disposall, begging the favour to be honoured with one Line from your Worship, to know whether I am to stay here or come up; had I my choice I chuse [*sic*] the Latter, that I may have an Opportunity of retrieving my lost Character. I can say no more but trust to your Worship's mercifull Goodness in forgiving all Offences that may or have been committed in this piece of a Letter (which I am almost afraid of, tho' not sensible of any) therefore beg leave to conclude.

VIZAGAPATAM
8TH MARCH 1746/7.

WORSHIPFUL SIR,
Your Worship's most Obedient, most humble and Submissive Servant

WILLIAM DE MORGAN.

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WORSH^{L}. SIR

The above is what I had just finish'd at Vizagapatam when M^{r}. Prince sent me an order to get ready to go to Fort S^{t}. David ℔ Ship Success which made me defer sending the Letter as I was coming myself. On the 13th. Ultimo in the Night I went aboard & the 14th. in the morning We weigh'd & stood off S.S.E. The Wind at S.W. We could but just see the Dolphin's Nose when the Ship prov'd so leaky We was obliged to put back again & went away to Callingapatam where We sent Letters ashore to be forwarded to Vizagapatam, in answer to which We had orders to make the best of our Way to Ganjam where I am now waiting with [Impat]ience till I can meet with such another opportunity which [I] am afraid won't be till August.

The 3^{d}. Instant I had the agreable News of the arrival of our Squadron from Bengall which occasion'd the flight of the cursed Enemy we have to deal with, & don't [doubt] to hear by the next Packet of your Worship's being in possess[ion] of Pondicherry & Madrass.

I was in great Hopes of being there at the taking of it but as there is no possibility of expecting such Honoûrs, I beg leave with submission to conclude

[GANJAM]
[8TH APRIL] 1747.

WORSH^{L}. SIR
Your Worship's most obedient, most humble & Submissive servant.

WILLIAM DE MORGAN.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVERNOR &CT. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

The humble Petition of WILLIAM DE MORGAN.

SHEWETH—

WHEREAS your Petitioner having by Mr. Prince's Orders on the 13th March embarked himself on board the Success JOHN HERRIOT Master, bound for this Place, but (after putting out to Sea) was obliged to put back again, Occasioned by a Leak She sprung, that She was not able to proceed on her voyage; We were oblig'd to put in at Ganjam, where your Petitioner remain'd for a Month, and seeing no Likelyhood of getting a Passage by Sea, till August, He determined at last to sett out overland, being willing to be here as soon as He could, has Occasion'd him an Extraordinary Charge to the Amount of Rups. 295, which He has been obliged

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to borrow: Therefore your Petitioner humbly begs, your Worship &ct. Council will take it into Consideration, as also that his Pay be allowed him for the Months of March, April and May; and,

YOUR PETITIONER as in Duty bound shall ever PRAY &ct.

TO THE WORSHL. CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS

As We cannot expect [that our Squa]dron can remain upon this Coast much longer, It is [Time to make] some proper Regulations in order to enable us to ma[ke a vigorous] Defence if our Enemies should make any attempt [on this place, as] very likely they will after the Squadron has left [Us: therefore I] think it my duty to represent the absolute necessity there is to form a Camp of our best Troops to oppose the Enemy in Case they should come in to the Honourable Company's Bounds with an intent to fix their head Quarters at the Company's Garden to secure their ammunition & Provisions requir'd to carry on the Siege of this place as laying very convenient for them for that Service.

For which Reason I propose that a Detachment of sixty five of the best men out of each Company, including the commission Officers & Drums amounting to two hundred & sixty 260 men, be join'd to the Reinforcement, sent us from Bombay consisting of two Hundred & seventy Men, Officers included which all together amounts to five hundred & thirty Men to form a Camp at the Companys Garden, & proper Sheds to be m[ade] there, at convenient places to secure the men from the Inclemency of the Weather, as also eight Field Pieces & two [Hobits] to be placed on the Wings & Center of the Battalion or some Eminences where the Chief Officer shall think fit to place them to advantage to annoy the Enemy the most, & a sufficient Number of Men for the artillery with their proper officers & Lascars to serve the Train.

To make this Body useful; It is absolutely necessary to appoint a proper Officer to have the sole & Chief Command of the same, that a due Subordination may be kept among the Officers; for without this material point be observ'd, I look upon the whole to be a body without a Soul, & the Destruction of all Military Discipline, Therefore It is my humble opinion that your Worship &ca. Council be pleased to order a Commission to be drawn up of a superiour Rank to what We have here for the time being to be presented to one of the Officers of the Garrison whom you judge most able to take that Charge upon him that so the Articles of War may be put in execution, which should be read before the whole Garrison drawn up in Battalia with Colours flying in the presence of the Governour & his Council for the first time, that so, none may plead ignorance, if any Officer or soldier should infringe those martial Laws which are establish'd by Authority of the legislative power for the better Government of the Army, & keep up Discipline.

This Officer so appointed should have a Power invested to him, to summon all the Peon's in the Company's Pay & their several Commanders to give him an Account where they are posted & to appoint proper Guards of them at sundry places on the Frontiers of our Bounds to prevent any Surprize, as also to appoint a place of Rendezvous in case of an Alarm & order several Bodies of them to go upon Patrol every night to visit the Several Out Guards, As also the Chief Office[r] to have a Horse allow'd him or any other Officer He shall appo[int] in order to visit the several Out Guards, to see they keep a good [look] out & do their Duty

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The Moratta Horse should also be order'd to be under his Direction, and be canton'd in Manjecopang Town, or thereabouts, that they may be ready for Service to be sent out by small Partys between Four and Five in the Morning towards Kistnaparam, as Scouts to get Intelligences by taking up such Persons as they meet, and examining them, in order to discover the motions of our Enemies. And to have several Night Guards, consisting of a Serjeant, Corporal, and Twelve Men to mount every Evening about 6 o'Clock at a proper distance from the Camp to prevent Surprize, and the Guards to be withdrawn at Sun riseing; as also Rounds to be order'd from time to Time to visit those several Guards with a Countersign that they may be known from an Enemy.

That the General may be beat twice or more every month, that they may be exercised, and made fit for Service: and an Able Officer appointed by the Commander in Chief to serve as his Adjutant to be assisting to him in the Discharge of his Duty.

I could wish that our Governours wou'd vouchsafe a little Indulgence to some of our Commission Officers of an inferiour Rank in this Garrison, by allowing them sometimes a little Admittance to his Presence, as all Governors of Garrisons do in most parts of the World: It would very much contribute to increase the Respect and Submission they are in Duty bound to have for their Superiours: If some of them have by their Misbehaviour deservedly forfeited that Remark, let them thank themselves for it: I think it hard a Gentleman should suffer for faults committed by others.

I hope that what I have here represented to your Worship &ct. Council will meet with a favourable Acceptance, as I have nothing else in view but the Service of our Honble. Masters, who have already suffer'd too much for want of proper Measures. I am with the utmost Respect,

FORT ST. DAVID
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WORSHIPFUL SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
JOHN DE MORGAN.

To THOMAS GRIFFIN ESQR.
COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF HIS
BRITANNICK MAJESTY'S
SQUADRON IN INDIA.

SIR

As We have had no reason to doubt your hearty Inclinations to the publick Service We hope You will excuse the Liberty of our Request to you to spare Capt. Gibson to serve as Captain Commandant of this Garrison; as He is an old & experienc'd Officer We are certain He will be of inexpressible Service to us in case of action as well as in putting the Fort in a proper Posture of Defence, & the Want of Him, We think, may be attended with Confusion, Your Compliance will add to the many other Obligations We lye under for your generous Warmth to o[ur] Interest which We beg leave to assure you We shall alway[s] [re]m[em]ber with the liveliest Sense of Gratitude. We are with sincere Esteem

[FORT ST.] DAVID
[22D.] JUNE 1747.

SIR
Your most oblig'd & obedient Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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[To Captain] George Gibson.

Sir

The Commodore having obliged us in our Request to spare you to serve as Cap^{t}. Commandant of this Garrison We are now to desire the favour of you to act in that Office wherein you shall meet an Acknowledgement from us suitable to so weighty a Charge, We beg your answer immediately that We may give the necessary Orders for the Establishment of your Command. We are

[Fort] S^{t}. David
22^{D}. June 1747.

Sir
Your most humble Servants
Charles Floyer
&c^{A}. Council as above.

To the Worshipful Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governor &ct. Council of Fort S^{t}. David.

Gentlemen

I have been favour'd with your's and return thanks for the Good Opinion You have of Me, and shall do all that lyes in Me to serve You upon all Occasions, and am

Cuddalore
June 23, 1747.

Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
George Gibson.

I Pakala Rownapa do contract, Article and agree with Chas. Floyer Esqr. Governor &ct. Council of Fort St. David, to provide for the Honble. Company 500 Tons of Redwood of such Sort and Quality as was usually provided for them at Madrass, which is equal to Candys 2240, and each Candy poizing 500 English Pounds Avoirdupoize to be valued at 2½ Star Pagodas; The said Red Wood to be deliver'd by the said Pakala Rownapa on board such Vessels, as shall be sent by the Company, to take in the same in the Road of Dougarazpatam, alias, Armegon: on which Account the said Pakala Rownapa is to receive an Advance of One Pagoda and half for every Candy, contracted for, and the Risque of the said Red Wood on shore to be on Account of Pakala Rownapa untill the 15th September next ensuing: At the Expiration of which Time the Honble. Company must either receive it on board or by their Agents on shore, so that the Contractor has nothing more to do with the Risque above mention'd nor is there to be any Deduction made, on account of Boathire on such part as may be left on shore: And as an Obligation on the said Pakala Rownapa fully to comply with his part of the above Contract, To Say, that the said Red Wood shall be of as good Quality as was usually provided for the Honble. Company at Madrass, that the Quantity contracted for shall be ready to be deliver'd at the aforementioned Place on board such Vessels, as shall be appointed to receive the Same, from the date hereof, till the 15th day of September next, ensuing, 'till which time the Risque on shore to be on account of the said Pakala Rownapa, & then to cease, To the full Performance of all which, He, the said Pakala Rownapa does hereby bind himself, his Heirs or Assigns in the Penalty or forfeiture of two Hundred 200 Pagodas to be paid to the Honble Company by him, the said Pakala Rownapa his Heirs or Assigns in the failure or Non-Performance of any Part thereof In Witness whereof, He the said Pakala Rownapa has hereunto set his Hand & Seal in Fort S^{t}. David this 22^{d}. Day of June 1747.

Richard Turner

Edmund Maskelyne.

L.S.

Pakala Rownapa

— *JUNE 1747* —

To Captain Edward Jacob
Commander of Ship
Princess Augusta.

Sir

We having thought necessary to put your Ship under the direction of Commodore Griffin, We hereby require You to follow such Orders as You shall from time to time receive from him. Dated in Fort St. David the 24th of June 1747.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

27th. The Honble Company's Ship Princess Augusta, Edwd. Jacob Commander saild for Marcawn.

29th. The Prize Ship that was in our Road saild to ye. Northward.

Tuesday the 30.

At a Consultation

Present

Charles Floyer Esqr. Governour
Edward Croke. William Holt.
Alexander Wynch. Thomas Cooke *Junr.*

Lre from the Lieutents. of the Garrison read.

The Governour produces a Le[tter] he has received signed by the several Lieutenants of [the gar]rison & Dated the 26th. Instant as entered hereafter re[questing] that as all usual & allowed off Perquisites belong[ing to the] Companies, have ceas'd during the present troubl[e there is] now nothing but their Monthly Pay of 13 Pagoda[...] They are become upon an Equality with their [Subordinate] Officers which obliges them to recommend their Ca[...] Consideration, Hoping, that We will find some Meth[...] their Allowances, The same being considered acc[ording to] their present Pay, being in General Allowed to be [quite suffi]cient for their Maintenance, Agreed that [...]ed to twenty five 25 Pagodas ℔ Month 'till such [time as the Com]pany's Pleasure is known thereon.

Capt. Robert Misenor protests against the board.

Captain Robert M[isenor] in a Protest declaring us answerable for all Loss [& dama]ges that may accrue to his Ship in Consequence [the order] given him to assist in his Majesty's Squadron, Or[dered] the same be entered Hereafter.

Capt. George Gibson's Commission read & signed. Commission Agreed to be given Mr. John Gadman as Adjutant & that Copies of the Articles of War be affixed at all publick Guards.

Captain George Gib[son's Commis]sion being drawn out for Captain Commandant of [. . .]The same is now signed and Agreed that it be re[ad & deli]ver'd him to morrow morning at the Head of all the Mi[...] belonging to the Garrison & that another Commission be g[iven] Mr. John Gadman as Adjutant under him, Also Agree[d that] the Articles of War be then read & that Copies thereof [be] affix'd at all publick Guards.

Agreed that the turn'd ou[t] be kept in a Godown at Cuddalore & that Mr. Cope do ke[ep] one of the Keys thereof.

— *JUNE 1747* —

Edward Croke Warehouskeeper reads his Account for last Month, Ballance due from Him one thousand, fifteen Pagodas, twenty four Fanams & sixteen Cash /1015,, 24,, 16/ Which He is ORDERED to carry forward. Whokrs. Acct. read.

William Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him Twelve Hundred seventy four Pagodas, one fanam & thirty two Cash /1274,, 1,, 32/ which He now pays in. Cudd: Sea Custrs. Acct. read.

William Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due therefrom being One hundred, twenty Pagodas, Thirteen fanams, & twelve Cash /120,, 13,, 12/ which He likewise now pays in. [Cudd] Land Custrs. Acct. read.

Alexander Wynch Paymaster reads his Account for last Month Viz[t]. [Paymasters' Account] read

	Pags	F.	Ca.
CHARGES GARRISON	3228	20	64
CHARGES HOSPITAL	45	9	13
PEON'S & SERVANT'S WAGES	3933	34	—
CHARGES GENERAL	126	27	6
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY	580	35	63
FORTIFICATIONS & REPAIRS	1013	17	63
NEW HORNWORK	5958	19	57
PONDICHERRY WAR	65	10	—
CHARGES CATTLE	50	—	—
CHARGES DIET	356	—	—
GENERAL TABLE	69	26	40
HOUSEHOLD NECESSARIES	53	20	30
PAGS.	15482	5	16

Ballance due from Him fourteen hundred, ten Pagodas, eleven Fanams & seventy four Cash 1410,, 11,, 74 which He is Ordered to carry forward & the Particulars of the extraordinary Expence to be enter'd hereafter, & he requesting to be advanc'd five thousand 5000 Pagodas to defray Charges Garrison & Buildings the same is now paid Him as likewise the Sum of four thousand, One hundred, fifty two Pagodas, twenty four fanams & fifty five Cash /4152,, 24,, 55/ for the Payment of the Bombay Soldiers & new Peons. [Extra: Expence. [ord]er advanc'd.

Thomas Cooke Jun[r]. Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due to him six hundred fifty eight Pagodas, fifteen fanams, & twenty six Cash /658,, 15., 26/ Which He is ORDERED to carry forward, & He requ[est]ing to be advanc'd the Sum of sixteen hundred 1600 Pagodas for farther Disbursements the same is accordingly paid him. Storekrs. Acct. read.

Thomas Cooke Jun[r]. Sea & Land Cus[tomer] of Tevenepatam reads that Account for last Month, Ball[ance] due from Him Two hundred, sixty three Pagodas, nine fanams twenty Cash /263,, 9,, 20/ which is now paid in. Tevptm. Custrs. Acct. read.

John Smith Steward delivers his Account for this month Ballance due from Him fif[ty] Pagodas, thirty three fanams & fourteen Cash [50,, 33,,] 14 He is ordered to carry forward & his Acc[t]. to be ent[ered]. Steward's Acct. read.

Edward Croke Wareho[usekeeper] pays into Cash the sum of two thousand ninety one [pagodas] eleven fanams /2091,, 11/ being the Amount of [money due] by Him this Month. W.ho.kr. pays Money into Cash.

It having been AGREED [in the resolu]tion of the 11[th]. Ultimo to purchase some good Horses Four[teen are] now bought & paid for amounting to fifteen Hundred [ninety five] 1595 Pagodas. Fourteen Horses bought

— JUNE 1747 —

Publick Notice to be giv'n of Mr. Cope's being appointed Clerk of the Market by beat of Tom Toms.

Mr. Henry Cope being [appointed] Clark [*sic*] of the Market to oversee the Weights & [measures Or]dered that publick Notice be given thereof by [beat of Tom Toms] that any Person so offending may be punish'd or fin'd [by resolu]tion of the Board.

Order sent Lieut. John De Morgan to remove out of his Lodging.

Captain John De[Morgan hav]ing been directed by the Governour to remove out of h[is lodging in] order to accommodate the Captain Commandant a[s there are no] Apartments proper for his Reception & He refusing [to remove] therewith without an Order from the board, The [same] [be] given him as enter'd hereafter & signed by the Secretary.

Genl. Lre agreed to be wrote to Bombay to request Lres of Credit for 150000 Rupees.

The Board taking into Consid[era]tion the large Expences of the Garrison & haveing Reason [to] apprehend there is not a sufficiency of Money to maint[ain] it during any long Siege, In case the Ships should not [ar]rive from Europe, In order to prepare against a Distress of [like] Nature, It is Agreed to write to the President & Council of Bombay, requesting them to furnish us with Letters of Credit on Arcot for at least One hundred & fifty thousand 150,000 Rupees that We may make us[e] of the same should occasion require it likewise that We write to the Chief & factors at Tellicherry desiring them to send us the eight Chests of foreign Silver design'd to be sent us by the Warwick, together with the Men they have belonging to the Europe Ships as soon as possible & if no other Opportunity offers, to hire a Vessel purposely for it, as they will be of extreme Service to us.

Genl. Lre to Tellicherry.

[Genl.] Lre to Bengall.

Also Agreed that We write to Bengall for a quantity of wheat & to advise of having drawn on their Honour &c[a]. for the Sum of two hundred & twenty five Pagodas in favour of the Hoñble John Forster Esq[r]. The same being for the sum of ninety 90 Pounds Sterling receiv'd into the Hoñble Company's Cash on account of M[r]. Luke Scrafton Writer at their Place.

[Warehouse keeper pays] Money in:

Edward Croke Warehousekeeper pays into Cash on the 25[th]. Instant, the sum of thirteen thousand, six hundred & forty six Pagodas, Thirty one fanams & forty Cash /13646,, 31,, 40/ being the amount of five & quarter Chests of Silver sold by

	lb	oz	dwts.
nim PZ.	1522,,	6,,	10 @ 15 Dollars ℔ 10 Pagodas

Also the sum of seventy two thousand 72,000 Rupees as ℔ Cash Account.

[Conic]oplies [reply con]cerning their Accounts.

Several of the Conicoplies belonging to Fort S[t]. George being come down here & having been Ordered to attend the board they are now called in & examined, as to any of the Hoñble Company's Affairs, outstanding among the Merchants or others in their respective Employs, to which they reply that in the Confusion of Affairs, when the French were at Madrass; The Books & Cadjans were all Seiz'd upon & lost therefore they cannot pretend to give any perfect Account at present, but will endeavour to recollect what they can and acquaint us farther as soon as possible.

[Mintmaster's] Account read.

Charles Floyer Mint master reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due therefrom, seventy two thousand, four Hundred & fifty Arcot Rupees & fifteen Annaes /72450,, 15/ ninety six /96/ Madrass Pag[s]. & eleven Current Pagodas three fanams & seventy Cash /11,, 3,, 70/ all which is carried forward.

Cash Acct[s] read.

The Governour reads the Cash Account for this Month, Ballance whereof, compared with the Chest is in Pagodas, Rupees, Fanams & Cash, Nineteen thousand, nine hundred & twenty five Pagodas, twenty two Fanams & seventy Cash /19925,, 22,, 70/ which is carried forward & the Account Ordered to be entered hereafter.

Charles ffloyer.
Edw: Croke.
W. Holt.
A[r]. Wynch.
Thomas Cooke [*Jun[r]*].

— *JUNE 1747* —

To Charles Floyer Esq[r].
Governour of Fort S[t]. David
&c[a]. Council.

Sir & Sirs

As you must be sensibl[e that] during the time of these troubles, all usual & a[llowed off perquisites] belonging to our Companies have ceas'd so that We have [now nothing] more than our monthly pay of thirteen Pagodas [to] subsist on, which reduces us to an Equality with [subordinate] Officers, & obliges us to take this Liberty to recomm[end our] case to your Considerations, in hopes that you wo[uld find] of some Method to increase our Allowance to what [you] judge necessary for our Maintenance. We are

Fort S[t]. David
the 26[th]. June 1747.

Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humbl[e Servants]
John De Morgan.
John Holland.
John Crompton.
Rodolph De Ging[er].

To the Worsh[l]. Charles Floyer Esq[r].
&c[a]. Council at Fort S[t]. David.

Sir & Sirs

Whereas on the 15[th]. Instant I receiv'd an Order from the Worsh[l]. Charles Floyer Esq[r]. &c[a]. Council, directing me to follow the Orders of Thomas Griffin Esq[r]. Commander in chief of his Majesty's Squadron in the East Indies & having since receiv'd Instructions from the said Thomas Griffin Esq[r]. ordering me to obey all such Orders & Signals as He shall think necessary, & having station'd me in the Line of Battle Therefore We the Captain & Officers do hereby protest against You the Worsh[l]. Charles Floyer Esq[r]. &c[a]. Council, in behalf of ourselves and the Owners of the Ship Warwick, & do hereby declare You & them answerable for all Losses & Damages that may in any Ways arise or be sustain'd in consequence thereof. Given under our Hands in Fort S[t]. David Road this 29[th]. Day of June 1747.

Robert Misenor.
Edward Ward.
Nathaniel Webb.
Thomas Baynes.

Extraordinary Expences in the Paymaster's Account are in the following Particulars Viz[t]. May the 31[st]. 1747.

				Pa.		C.
Charges Garrison. Persons occasionally enter'd in the Military & Gunroom Crew Pag[s].	53	4	—			
Bombay Recruits	424	7	10			
				477	11	10
Peon's & Servants Wages. D[o]. occasionally enter'd.				38	32	60
Charges Extraordinary as P[r]. Paymaster's Book				580	35	63
Fortification's & Repairs as P[r]. D[o].				1013	17	63
New Hornwork				5958	19	57
Pondicherry War				65	10	—
Charges Diet To the Governour				100	—	—
General Table				69	26	40
	P.	F.	C.			
Household Necessaries mak[s]. 2 Writ[s]. Desks	25	26	30			
Paid the Steward's Note for the Cookroom necessaries ..	27	30	—			
				53	20	30
			Pag[s].	8357	30	3

STEWARD'S ACCOUNT CURRENT.

Dr.					Cr.				
1747					1747				
June 1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month ..	952	3	13	June 3d.	By Wheat for 58 4 20 @ 15 Rupees pr. Candy amt. to Rup. 873 ⅓ Exchange @ 340 ℔ % Pagodas	256	34	59
26th.	To Cash advanced me	1000	—	—		By Bullocks for 100 @ 3 Pagodas each ..	300	—	—
					20	By Wheat for 13 7 15 @ 15 Rupees ℔ Candy amt. to Rups. 200 7/10 Exchge. @ 340 ℔ % Pagodas	59	1	60
					24	By Do. for 150 – – @ 13½ Rups. pr. Candy amts. to Rups. 2025 Exchge @ 340 ℔ % Pagodas	595	24	—
						By Flower for 7 2 7 @ Rupees 12¾ ℔ Candy amts. to Rupees 90½ Exchge. @ at 340 pr. % Pagodas	26	35	—
						By Gunny Bags for 898 @ Pags. 5 ℔ 100 ..	44	32	32
						By Arrack &c. given the Moormen ..	4	9	—
					30	By Charges Dieting Soldiers on board the Warwick	15	29	52
						By Charges Dieting the Bombay Military & Sepoys	558	29	36
						By Charges Cattle	25	8	—
						By Godown Rent & Cooley hire ..	4	18	—
							1892	5	79
						By Ballance	59	33	14
	Pagods.	1952	3	13		[..] [..] Pagods.	1952	3	13

— *JUNE 1747* —

[To] LIEUTENANT JOHN DE MORGAN

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to remove out of your present Lodging into another that is prepared for You in the Square in order to accommodate your superiour Officer Cap^{t}. GEORGE GIBSON whom We have thought proper to make Cap^{t}. Commandant of the Garrison, & this you are to do before night, Captain Gibson being expected in the Fort tomorrow Morning, DATED in FORT S^{t}. DAVID this 30th Day of June 1747.

SIGNED by order of the Governour & Council.

THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}.*
Secry.

THE HONBLE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY.

1747							
JUNE 1st,	To Ballance from last Month in Pags. ..	29357	—	—			
	in fans.	2540	3	14			
					31897	3	14
9	To Profit & Loss gain'd by the Exchge. of 2000 Pags. into fans. @ 39 ₱ Pag.				166	2	[..]
25	To Edwd. Croke Warehouskr. rec'd of Him in A. Rs. 53820 @ 345 ₱ % Pags.				15600	[..]	
	To Do. Do. rec'd of Him in Do. 18180 @ 340 ₱ o/o Pags. ..				5347	[..]	
	To Do. Do. rec'd of Him the amount. of 5¼ Chests of Silver PZ. lb. oz. dwts. 1522 6 10 sold by Him @ 15 Dollars ₱ 10 Pagodas				13646	3	[..]
30	To William Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore receiv'd of him in full of his last Month's Ballance in Pags. ..	1255	—	—			
	in fans. ..	19	1	32			
					1274	1	[32]
	To William Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore receiv'd of him in full of his Last months Ballance in Pags.	34	—	—			
	in fans. ..	86	13	12			
					[..]		
	To Thomas Cooke *Junr.* Sea & Land Customer of Tevenepatam rece[ived] of him in full for his last months Ballance in Pags. ..	250	—	—			
	in fans. ..	13	9	20			
					[..]		
	To Profit & Loss gain'd by the Exchange of 2000 Pags. into fans. @ 39 ₱ [..] ..				[..]		
	To Edward Croke Warehousekr. recd of him in part for Rice sold this month.				[..]		
	PAG[ODAS]				[...]		

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— *JULY 1747* —

[*India Office Manuscripts.*]

The Ship Fort St. George Ninian Louis Commander sail'd out of the Road last night. 2

His Majesty's Ship Medway, with the Illchester sail'd to the Southward. 5

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.

EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

MONDAY 6TH.

General Letters No. 48 and 49, read from the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry, adviseing of having forwarded to us a Reinforcement of Two hundred and Twenty Five Sepoys, and that they have been advanced by them, Two Month's Pay, and One Month's Diet, and that if We should want any farther Assistance from them, they shall be very ready to exert themselves on the Occasion: Also enclosing a Packet for the President and Council of Bombay, and another for Bengall, both which they request may be forwarded by the first Opportunities. Genl. Letter from Tellicherry.

The Increase of Shipping at this Place since the Loss of Madrass, together with the watering the Men of War, rendering the few Boats in the Place very insufficient for our Occasions; It was thought necessary to procure the Madrass Boatmen to our Assistance, who being most of them arrived; They represent their Boats to be much out of Repair and many of them unfit for Service, and therefore request to be advanced a Couple of hundred Pagodas to refitt them, which they promiseing to repay out of their hire, and the Boats being extreamly wanted, AGREED that the same be paid them, and a Receipt taken of the heads of them, who are directed to gett their Boats in a Condition for Service as soon as possible. Madras Boatmen arrived. Are advanced 200 Pags. to repair their Boats.

The Method prescribed in the Officer's Report of the first of May, for the Regulation of the Gun Room, being now had in Consideration; and Mr. George Jones offering to act as Lieutenant of the Artillery, He being esteem'd a Capable Person for the conducting of the same, AGREED that a Commission be given him accordingly & that an Order be tender'd the Gunner to deliver the whole Gunroom Crew to his Command agreable to the Roll for last month, saving six Portuguese which He is permitted to keep for his own Use, in Order to assist Him in the care of the Stores now under him which is still to be continued in his Charge, Copy of the said Order as signed by the Secretary is Enter'd hereafter. [M.R.O. Vol. No. 15] [Com]mission given Mr. George Jones as Lieutenant of ye. Artillery.

The Board observing that the Ballance of the Cash grows very low & fearing We may not receive a timely supply, 'tis AGREED to dispose of as much of the Company's Broadcloth receiv'd by the BRITANNIA as can be sold for ready Money tho' not under 30 p^{r}. C^{t}. & as much more as can be got, It is therefore ORDERED that the Merchants be sent for & discours'd thereon. [. . .] Agreed to [. . .] rs'd thereon.

Alexander Wynch Paymaster requesting to be advanc'd three thousand /3,000/ Pagodas for Disbursements the same is now paid him. [Paymaster] advanc'd.

It being time to expect the outward bound Shipping on the Coast AGREED that six Letters to the Commanders ordering them to repair hither be drawn out & delivered the Cattemaran People with Orders to lay in wait for them at sundry Distances from each other. [Letters to the] Commandrs. [of the] Ships dis[tributed] about the coast.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

— *JULY, 1747* —

To Mr. Philip Baker
Gunner.

Sir,

You are hereby Ordered to deliver over all the Gunroom People as they stood in the Rolls for last Month to the command of Mr. George Jones, who now takes upon him the Management of all the Artillery in the Garrison & as such You are not to interfere with him in any thing relating thereto, & for your own Part you are to continue in Charge of the Stores now under You for which You are permitted to keep six Portuguese to assist, & if You may at any time have [Occa]sion for any Lascars, You are to make Application to Mr. Jo[nes for the] same, Who will assist you if in his Power. Da[ted] Fort St. David this 6th. Day of July 1747.

Signed. By Order of the Governour & [Council].

Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*
Secry.

9th. A Dutch Ship from the So.ward anchor'd in Porto novo ro[ad].

11th. A Dutch Ship from Porto novo anchor'd in our Road.

13th. The Brilliant Snow sail'd to the Northward.

Monday the 13th.

At a Consultation

Present

Charles Floyer Esqr. Governour.
Edward Croke. William [Holt].
Alexr. Wynch. Thomas Coo[ke] *Junr.*

Genl. Lres from Ganjam & Ingeram.

General Letters No. 50 & 51 [Received the] former from Mr. Andrews at Ganjam advising of the m[en] of the Ship Success, & that She was by Order of the Ch[ief &] Council of Vizagapatam, unlading her Cargo there, bu[t] not being Water sufficient on that Bar to bring her into the River He thought it most adviseable to dispatch her to Bengall in Order to be repaired there, That Part of the Cargo She had landed was wet & Damaged & requesting our Orders concerning it, likewise mentioning his Want of Money, & as Cotton was now Cheap, if He could be supplied with some Rupees, He might be able to begin on an Investment, The latter from Mr. Saunders at Ingeram requesting our farther Compliance with the Indents He had sent us, as likewise to furnish him with an Account of the Sortments of Cloth that He might be enabled to close his Books, also that Monsr. Du Premenel arrived at Yanam on the 28th. May & tha[t] it is thought his Designs are for Bengall.

[Warehouse keeper pays] Money into cash.

The Governour acquaints the Board [that] the Worehouse keeper paid into Cash on the 10 & 12th. Instant fortyfour thousand One hundred & fifty 44150 Rupees.

[Paid] into Cash by [Agent] Victualler acct.

The Biscuit receiv'd from Bombay f[or] the service of his Majesty's Squadron having been delive[red] to Mr. John Haman the Agent Victualler, He now pays in [the] Amount thereof being One thousand, sixty four Pagodas, four Fan[ams] & nineteen Cash 1064,, 4,, 19.

[Biscuit] supplied his Ma[jesty's] Squadron.

[Rown] apa advd.

Having contracted with Pakala Rownapa as by consultation of the 22d. Ultimo for the Provision of five Hundred 500 Tonn's of Redwood He is now advanc'd the Sum of four thousand two Hundred 4200 Pagodas on that Account.

—— *JULY 1747* ——

Tonnapah the Company's Painter at Madrass being arriv'd here He is now called in & examined regarding the contracts He was under & the Ballance due from him, on which He delivers in an Account as enter'd hereafter, wherein it Appears He has got 37½ Corge of fine Morees & 19½ of Sannoes which He assures us is all safe & he hopes will be finish'd by January, but represents that He has been at One hundred & thirty 130 Pagodas Charges by removing it about the Country to avoid being plunder'd by the French, likewise that He has sustain'd a Loss of ten 10 Pagodas the Corge by the Cooleys Running away in the time of the Troubles with his Wax & Colours which He humbly recommends to our Consideration that He may be no sufferer thereby, The Board judging on these Circumstances, & finding that the Man has behaved careful & honest in preserving the Goods; It is thought Requisite that He be commended for the same & that all Losses be answer'd to him on that Account, upon which He engages to bring in the whole Quantity of Chints by January, Also Requesting that We will now advance him A thousand 1000 Pagodas to purchase Colours which He giving security for, the same is paid him.

Madrass Painter [arrived] & is examin'd re[gardin]g his Ballance.

Money advanc'd him.

The Paymaster desiring [to be advanc]ed four Thousand 4000 Pagodas for Disbursements, [the same is] now paid him.

Paymr. advanc'd.

The Reinforcement of [peons] being arrived from Tellicherry, which with those that [...] us from Bombay making a formidable Body, besides [...] still expected, & as there is a far greater Dependance [...] in those People than in our own Peons, especially th[ose that have] been lately raised many of whom have a very mean [...] appearance, AGREED that a general Review be now [had and] that all such may be discharged & only the cho[sen to be] continued in the Service.

A Review to be had of the Peons, & the Worst to be discharg'd the Service.

ORDERED that the [Warehouse]keeper do prepare the Acco^{t}. Sortments of the Ing[eram cloth] in order to be forwarded M^{r}. Saunders in our ne[xt].

Whokr. order'd to prepare the Acct. Sortm^{ts}. of the Ingeram Cloth.

Having come to a Resolut[ion] in our foregoing Consultation to dispose of the Hoñble Com[pany's] Broad Cloth for the Reasons as therein mention'd, The [Governor] now acquaints the Board that Linga Chitty has offered to take a large Part thereof at the Rate of 30 ℘ C^{t}. on the Europe Invoice On which He is sent for in, & discours'd about it and finding that He is determin'd not to encrease in his Offers & no one else seeming inclinable to outbid him, The Board think Proper in the present Emergency for Money to contract with him accordingly for the quantity of two hundred & six 206 Bales of Broad Cloth & three Bales of Perpets amount^{g}. as ℘ Invoyce with 30 ℘ C^{t}. thereon to twenty one thousand four hundred & ninety Pagodas three fan^{s}. & seventy eight Cash 21490,, 3,, 78 he agreeing to pay into Cash eight thousand 8000 Pagodas ℘ Mensem 'till such time the same be fully discharged, [&] the first Payment to commence on the last Day of this Mo[nth] The Board having engaged on their Parts not to dispose of any more for the Term of six Months, & then to give him the Preference in Regard to any that may be sold provided He will give as much for it as any other Perso[n].

206 Bales of Broadcloth & 3 of Perpets sold to Linga Chitty.

The Cap^{t}. Commandant intimating a great Want of Officers in the Military & Mess^{rs}. Philip Bu[lk]ley, Edmund Maskelyne & John Duncombe being willing to serve in the Quality of Ensigns, AGREED that Commissions be drawn out & given them.

[Commis]sions grant: [to Mssrs.] Philip Bulk; [Edmund, M]askelyne & [John Dun co]mbe.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}.*

TONAPAH PAINTER.

Dr. 1746		P	F	C	1746	Cr.	P	F	C
AUGUST 31ST.	To Cash receivd at Madrass at three several times..	1420	—	—		By Morees fine 37½ Corge Paints. @ P. 55 ₱ Corge	2062	18	—
						Sannoes 19½ do. @ 30 Do.	585	—	—
		1420	—	—		PAGS. ..	2647	18	—
						By Charges, Cooley hire, Servants Wages &ca.	130	—	—
						By Losses sustain'd by Desertion of Cooleys with Wax, Colours &ca. Vizt. Morees fine 37½ Corge @ Pags. 10 ₱ Corge .. .. P. 375 —			
						Sannoes 19½ do. @ 5 Do. 97 18			
	To Ballance	1830	—	—			472	18	—
	PAGS. ..	3250	—	—		PAGS. ..	3250	—	—

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

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A Ship with Dane's Colours pass'd by to the Northward. 21ST.
A Dutch Ship from the Southward pass'd by to the Northward.

AT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 23D.

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

General Letters No. 47 & 48 Read to Bombay & Tellicherry both of which advising of the Arrival of the Seapoys under the Command of Behawn Cawn & des[ir]ing the Gentlemen at Tellicherry to advise us whethe[r] their Diet Money is to be continued after their Arriv[al] here, which as they have insisted to be the Terms of the Agreement, We now allow them, but on Consideration that [the] same be stopped out of their Pay in Case such Agreem[ent] was not made with them, & requesting if they can procure any more good men that they will make the Number they have now sent five hundred 500 Also enclosing a List of such Persons as desire half their Pay to be paid to their Families & requesting their Compliance therewith. Genl. Lres to Bombay & Tellicherry.

General Letters No. 52, 53, 54 re[c̃d] Two of which from the Cheif & Factors at Anjengo enclosing a Packet for the President & Council of Bombay & adviseing that the four Sail of French Ships that left Mahie on the first of April were arriv'd at Goa & that it was Reported they would be join'd by Monsr. La Bourdonnais with a Squadron from the Islands but where they are destin'd is not known. The other from Mr. Alexander Douglas at Calicut advising of having procured four Pattarahs for Guides to Behawn Cawn & his Seapoys, & that One of them being Lame was obliged to be left Behind. [Genl. Lres. from] Anjengo.

The Governour produces to the Board a Letter He has receiv'd from Vencatty Ramah Chitty the Son of Suncha Ramah at Pullacat as enter'd hereafter advising that He has been informed that the Company has ordered the Payment of that Sum of Money which was paid in by his Father as a Penalty for Non-performance of a contract & requesting that the same (if true) may be paid to his Order Se being in Charge of the Company's Effects & not able to come himself, This being consider'd on & not knowing whether He is not indebted to the Company, AGREED that the Governour write him an answer to desire He will wait 'till such time He can make his own Appearance, as the Board are desirous of having some Conference with Him before any Payment is made of that Nature. [Lre. from] Vencatty Rama [. . . .] read.

The Secretary for Mr. Willm. Belsches Surgeon delivers in a Report representing that the late Reinforcement there has been to the Garrison [has] greatly increas'd the Number of Sick in the Hosp[ital] which obliges him to make a much larger Inde[nt for] Cloaths & other Necessaries than was customary [and re]commending to us to think of a Commodious [apart]ment for the Reception of the sick in case of a [...] also requesting as many Irregularities have bee[n commit]ted of late at the Hospital, That a Guard may be a [...]ed under the Direction of a proper Officer to [prevent] the like happening for the future, ORDERED [that the] Report be enter'd hereafter and that the Paymaster a[llow] the Cloaths & other Necessaries agreable to the an[...] List & in Consequence of his Proposal to think of a[n accom]modation for the sick, ORDERED that the Grainery at [the] Corner of the Fort be clear'd out & kept in Readiness for [the] Reception, but with regard to his Request for a Guard, It [is] judged very improper to comply with it at this Juncture as [it] cannot be done without weakening the Fort very consider[ably]. Report of Mr. William Belsches [Surgeon] read.

The Warehousekeeper pays in[to] Cash on the 20th. Instant ten thousand 10,000 Rupees am[ount]ing to two thousand, nine Hundred, Forty one Pagodas six fan[ams] & twenty eight Cash (2941,, 6,, 28). W:hokr. pays Money into Cash.

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Steward advanc'd. John Smith Steward requesting to be advanc'd fifteen Hundred 1500 Pagodas, The same is ORDERED to be paid him.

Paym advanc'd. Alexander Wynch Paymaster desiring to be advanc'd fifteen Hundred 15,000 Pagodas the same is likewise ORDERED to be paid him.

860 Peons dismissed the Service. It having been AGREED in last Consultation to discharge such Peons as were thought unfit for service A Review was accordingly Had on the 17th. Instant when eight Hundred & sixty were rejected & dismiss'd the Service.

W:hokr, requests the directions of [Bo]ard concer[ning] damaged [Bales of In]geram. The Warehouskeeper having been ORDERED to prepare the Account Sortments of Mr. Saunders's Cloth He now requests the Directions of the Board regarding the ten Bales that were damaged on board the Vessel in coming hither, which being considered & it appe[ar]ing by our Letter to him of the 18 December That He was directed to forward them by any Conveyance He could get (thinking it not safe they should remain with him at that Juncture) as the Board are inclined to [be]lieve that He proc[ur]ed the best that offer'd, It is thought unreasonable that He should be any Sufferer thereby & therefore AGREED tha[t] the same be taken on the Hoñble Company's Account & mad[e] into Wrappers & Wax Cloth.

[Com]missions [given to] Messrs. John [wright &] Saml. Smith. Capt. Gibson still representing a Want of Officers in the Military, Two more Commissions are drawn out & given, the One to Mr. Jno. Wright Serjeant Major in the Bombay Detachment, & the other to Mr. Saml. Smith acting as a Voluntier in the said Detachment.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

TO THE WORSHL. CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID
&CA. COUNCIL.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS,

Having been informed that your Worship & Council has receivd an Order from the Hoñble the Court of Directors to repay that Sum of Money paid by my Father as a Penalty of Non-performance of a Contract on Calicoes.

Upon which I would have waited on your Worship &ca. but being entrusted with the Honble Companys Effects Part of which are as yet in the Weaver's Hands unfinish'd, & the Polygars here being at War one with another, I am afraid would plunder those Effects & the Weave[rs] take the Opportunity of my Absence to run away, whereby [great] Loss would be sustained, wherefore beg leave to send [in my] Name the Bearers hereof, Narrinne Chitty & Shequi [...] to whom (if my Information is true) desire your Worship[s] will be pleas'd to pay the Money, & take a Receip[t from] them for the Present & send me such a Receipt at y[our Wor]ship &ca. Council shall require me to sign & I sh[all obey] your Orders I am

PULLACAT
THE 15TH. JULY 1747.

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS
Your most obe[dient]
humble S[ervant]
VENCATTY RAM[A CHITTY].

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To the Worshl. Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governour of Fort St. David
&ca. Council.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs,

The Reinforcements there has been made to the Garrison within this last year has greatly encreas'd the Number of sick, insomuch as to amou[nt] to upwards of three times the Number as usual which obl[iges] me to make a larger Indent for Cloaths & other necessaries, for the use of the sick & hurt than was heretofore customary. The annex'd List is what I take the Liberty of offering to yo[ur] Worship &ca. consideration as a proper Supply for their Use.

After the repeated verbal Representations, I have made to your Worship of the necessity there is of providing by times a commodious Lodging for the Reception of the sick & Wounded in case of their being drove in by the Enemy from the Out Guards I do[ubt] not has merited your due Consideration but least th[at] among the multiplicity of your other A[ff]airs should [have] escaped your memory I take this Opportunity [of remi]ndi[ng] you of it in order that such Accommodations may be p[ro]vided for them as You shall think that Men in such Circumstances require.

The Number of Irregularities that of late have been committed in the Hospital such as absenting themselves from it without License getting drunk &ca. there appears to me as I hope it will to your Worship &ca. an absolute necessity of having a timely Stop put to it, as many of the People by it render ineffectual all means that are made use of for their Recovery & alway[s] greatly protracts their Cures, what I would Propose is to have a Guard under the Direction of a proper Offic[er] appointed to prevent their straggling about which is the only means I can think off to put a Stop to this gorwing Evil, as the Peons that are appointed for the Service in no Shape answer the Intention of their being there I am with due Respect.

Fort St. David,
July the 18. 1747.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servant
Willm. Belsces.

Indent of Cloaths & other necessaries for the use of the sick & hurt in the Hospital.

Cotts	12
Shirts	200
Drawers	200
Caps	50
Gowns	50
Quilts	[...]
Pillows	[...]
Pillow Cases	[...]
Stools	[...]

The Honble Comps. Snow Brilliant Jno. Byers Commdr. ancho[...].

The Pearl Man of War brought in a Ketch from the [...].

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THURSDAY 30TH, AT A CONSULTATION

Presen[t]

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOU[R].
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *J[unr.]*.

Genl. Lre from Bombay. General Letter from the [Hoñble] President & Council of Bombay read containing Advi[ces of] such of the Company's Shipping as have arriv'd on their [coast] & of the Motions of those belonging to the Enemy whom they mention to be gone to Goa with Intentions to lay up there during the Rainy Months likewise imparting [to] us the orders they have receiv'd regarding the Exeter as by the Copy thereof as Entered. No. 55.

[Warehouse] kr's. Acct. read, Edward Croke Warehousekeeper reads his Account for last Month Ballance due from him six thousand, One hundred & eleven Pagodas, Thirty two Fanams & eighteen Cash (6111,, 32,, 18) which He is ORDERED to carry forward.

[Jou]rnal Parcels produc'd. The Accomptant Produces the Journal Parcels for March, April & May.

[Sea & Land Custr's, Accts. read. William Holt Sea & Land Customer of Cuddalore reads those Accounts for last Month, Ballance due from Him on the former Two hundred, forty four Pagods. twenty three Fanams, & Six Cash (244,, 23,, 6) & on the latter ninety seven Pagodas, Three fanams & four Cash (97,, 3,, 4) both which Sums he now pays in.

Alexander Wynch Paymaster re[ads] that Account for last Month Vizt.

Charges Garrison	PAGODS. 3202	17	[..]
Charges Hospital	45	26	7 [..]
Peon's & Servant's Wages	3072	17	6 [..]
Charges General	120	34	17
Charges Extraordinary	930	13	39
Fortifications & Repairs	2243	12	72
New Hornwork	7997	12	25
Pondicherry war	50	1	—
Charges cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diet	356	—	—
Household necessaries	47	33	50
PAGS. ..	19016	25	23

[Extraordinary] Expence. Ballance due to him fourteen hundred, fifty three Pagods. twenty four fanams & fifty four Cash (1453,, 24,, 54) which He carries forward & the Particulars of the extraordinary Expence are entered hereafter.

Paymr, advanc'd. He requesting to be advanc'd the Sum of nine thousand (9000) Pagodas to defray Charges Ga[rrison] & Buildings the same is now paid him as likewise th[at] of three thousand, four hundred & eight Pagodas, Ten fa[nams] & sixty seven Cash (3408,, 10,, 67) for the Payment of [the] Bombay Soldiers & new Peons.

Storekr's. Acct. read. Thomas Cooke Junr. Storek[eep]er reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due [from] Him eighteen Pagodas & two Cash (18,, ,, 2) which He carries forward & he requesting to be advanc'd One thous[and] ninety four (1094) Rupees for the Impress of the Comp[any's] Ship Princess Augusta the same is now paid Him.

[Tevenepa]tm. Custrs. Acct. read. Thomas Cooke [Junr. Sea & Land] Customer of Tevenepatam, reads that acc[ount for last] Month Ballance due from Him. Three Hu[ndred pagodas] One fanam & sixteen Cash (300,, 1,, 16) whi[ch he now] pays in.

Stewards acct. read, John Smith Stew[ard] in his Account for this Month, Ballance due [from him] being eight Hundred, seventy four Pagodas nine [fanams] & fifty six Cash (874,, 9,, 56) which He is ORDE[RED to] carry forward & the Account to be entered [hereafter].

Bound rent paid in. Sadasheverow Bound [renter] pays into Cash for three Months Rent of that [...] eight Hundred thirty three Pagodas, twelve fanams (833,, 12,,) being due the 1st. of January last.

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Cootah Arrack Farmer [pays] into Cash the sum of Two hundred (200) Pagodas [for] three Months Rent of that Farm due the first [of] April last. Arrack Farm paid in.

Ramiah Renter of the [Weighing] & measuring Duties pays into Cash fifty Pagodas for three months Rent of that farm due the first of April last. [Re]nt of the Weighg. & [me]asurg. duties paid in.

Silas Foster belonging to his Majesty's Squadron requesting to pay into Cash the amount of six Hundred (600) Pagodas for a Bill of Exchange on the Company the same is receiv'd and a Set of Bills drawn out accordingly payable to Jenny Foster or Order at seven Shillings & eight Pence ℔ Pagoda which amounts to two hundred & thirty 230 Pounds Sterling. Silas Foster granted [Bil]ls of Exchange on the [Com]pany for 230 £ Sterlg. [paya]ble to Jenny Foster.

Charles Floyer Mint Master reads that Account for last Month Ballance due therefrom Five thousand, four hundred forty seven Ar[cot] Rupees & fourteen Anaes (5447,, 14) [one] hundred & elev[en] (111) Madrass Pagodas & thirty two Current Pagodas, Twenty five Fanams, & forty five Cash (32,, 25,, 45) of which He pays into Cash the Madrass Pagodas & the Rest He carries forward. [Mint, masters Acct. read]

Linga Chitty Pays into Cash the sum of eight thousand 8,000 Pagodas in part for Broad cloth sold him. [Linga Chitty]pays money [in to account] Broad cloth.

Petition of Peter Robin & John Sedwell read requesting the usual Encouragement for relisting which is granted them & their Petition ORDERED to be entered hereafter. Petition for relist:

Petition of Pakala Rownapa read requesting, as the Redwood he had contracted for is now ready at Dougarazpatam & no Vessels being yet sent thither to take it in. That We send a proper Person to weigh off & take Charge of the same, AGREED that one be sent accordingly & that his Petition be entered hereafter. [Pakala] Rownapa petitions [appro]ved.

The Governour produces the Cha[rity] Books for one Year ending this Day, the Ballance due fro[m] Him on that Account being eight Hundred, thirty nine Pagodas, & thirty one Fanams 839,, 31 which He [being] desirous to acquit himself of AGREED that He make over the Same to Mr. Alexander Wynch the present Paymaster & that his Bond be taken for the eight Hundred 800 Pagoda[s] at 9 ℔ Ct. pr. Annum & the odd Money to remain in his Hands to defray the Expence of the Charity [Schools]. The Govr. produces the charity Books.

The Paymaster re[quests] the Bricks which He now makes by the Madrass [Kilns] turn out (through the present Scarcity of firewood [...] by the Extraordinary Pay which He is obliged to [...] for quitting their Former Abodes & coming here [...]bly dearer than what the Company allows for [...] therefore under a necessity to request that [...] may be at the Charge of bringing them from the [Madras] Kilns only, & whatever Quantity is made at the ot[...] He is ready to deliver at the same Rate as usua[l] [...] Board taking the same into Consideration & the [...] informing that He representing the same Case to Mr. Hinde He consented to the like request but that Gen[tle]man dying soon after, no mention was made of it, Up[on] Assurance of this, & the absolute Necessity there is for [all] the Bricks that can possibly be procured, It is now [AGREED] that the Company be at the Expence required & ORD[ERED] that the Paymaster do pursue making them as fas[t as] possible [Paymaster] requests the Comp[any] may be [. . .] of bringing the Bricks from ye. Kilns.

The S.Wt. Part of the Scarp not being finished occasions that Part of the fort not to be in a proper Condition, It being therefore represented by the Officers that by makeing a firm Battery of Fascines &ca. there it will become defensible AGREED that the same be done & as the Two & forty Pounders lately receiv'd from Bombay are thought rather too heavy for the upper Bastions, ORDERED that the foregoing Work be made strong So as to bear them & that Ensign Petch have the Direction of it. Fascine Battery order: [agreed] to be built under the [Scrap] Bastn.

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the Whokr. delivers in [. . .] Report concerng. the [pulli]ng down of the beatg. [Godown]

The Beating Godown having been pulld down in Consequence of the Resolution made thereon in Consultation of the 10th. Ultimo, The Warehousekeeper now delivers in a second Report relating thereto as entered [hereafter] which the Board thinks proper to make th[ese remarks].

[Rem]arks.

That the said Bea[ting Godown h]as been kept standing single from all other Buildings 'till within these few Days past, when as all the Houses that were within eight Hundred Yards of the Fort were ORDERED to be levelled by a Council of War held on the 29th. April, It was thought very improper & unsafe to keep it up longer. It is true Mr. Croke has often represented the want of it which has been the Occasion of its remaining so long, He has likewise requested leave to build another to which He has been answered that neither Workmen or Materials could be spared on that Account as We were carrying on the Works with the greatest Expedition & all the Workmen We could get were employed on them as well as materials, and moreover that in the present Scarceness of Money, There was no Prospect of being able to pursue an Investment 'till such time as we were largely supplyed & the Garrison in a State of Security; that therefore the erecting of another Beating Godown seems to be quite unnecessary for the Presen[t] especially as it can't be done without retarding the Fortifi[ca]tions that are of so great Consequence, For these Reasons He was desired to get proper Godowns in Cuddalore to ke[ep] the Company's Cloth in & although there were none bu[t] tiled Houses, Yet He was to make use of the best that co[ould] be got. It is farther to be observed that He forgets in his Representation to mention that these Buildings were all ORDERED to be levelled by the Council of War rather seems to lay the whole Stress of it on the Board & that for Want of such a Building the Company's [In]vestment is become at a Stand, & the Cloth on [...] not be cured in time to be sent home in Septe[mber] Answer to which it is well known, that for [...] Past, We have had no such thoughts, Neither [it was in] our Power to have Procured Cloth Sufficien[t to have] entertain'd any such Design, being in [...] which Mr. Croke is well acquainted with ha[...] enough in Cash to carry on our Works above an[...] It must nevertheless be AGREED (as He says) th[at if mo]ney had not been wanting a large Quantity of [...] might have been provided, And in such Case, anot[her] Beating Godown would have become very necessary, but [...]ing no View in our Present Circumstances of maki[ng] any Progress in that Business, It is thought to be [more] adviseable to regard our Works only, which is resol[ved] accordingly & it is believed all the Officers & others belonging to the Garrison are of the same Opinion as was the Council of War.

[Genl.] Lres to Vizagapa[tam] & Ingeram.

The Governour informs the Board that He receiv'd Intelligence last Night of a Boat that sail'd from Madrass to the Northward arm'd wth. 40 Europeans & with Intentions as It is reported against our Factories that Way, Although these Advices are not to be depended on, It is judged necessary to send information thereof immediately to VIZAGAPATAM & INGERAM That in case it should prove true They may be prepared [to] defend themselves or otherwise to secure such of the Compa[ny's] Effects as they possibly can, & should they find it requisite It is judged proper to permit them for the present to enter such Peons & other Persons in their Service as the Defense of their Places may require. Letters are therefore now drawn out to each place to the same Effect and

Whokr. delivers in the Acct. Sortmts. of ye. Ingeram [. . .]

The Warehouskr. delivering in the account Sortments of Mr. Saunders's Cloth The same being duly examined is ORDERED to be enclosed in the said Dispatches.

[Cash Accoun]t. read.

The Governour reads the Cash Account for this Month [the] Ballance whereof compared with the Chest [in Pagodas] Fanams & Cash is twenty thousand Six [hun-

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dred and twen]ty six Pagodas, & fourteen Fanams. 20626, [14] which is carried forward & the Account to be entered hereafter.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW. CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES in the Paymaster's Account are in the following Particulars June 1747.

PEONS & SERVANT'S WAGES. Peons & Horsemen Entered in this Month	33	19	[...]
CHARGES EXTRAORDINAY as ℔ Account	930	13	39
FORTIFICATIONS & REPAIRS as ℔ Dº.	2243	12	[...]
NEW HORNWORK	7997	12	[...]
PONDICHERRY WA[R]	50	[...]	[...]
HOUSEHOLD NE[CESS]ARIES	47	3	[...]
PAGS.	11307	[...]	[...]

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STEWARD'S ACCOUNT CURRENT.

Dr.

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JULY 1ST.	To Ballance brought from last Month ..	59	33	14
23	To Cash advanc'd me	500	—	—
		559	33	14
	.. ..	874	9	56
	PAG$_R$.	1434	6	70

Cr.

1747				
JULY 31ST.	By Salt Beef 4 Casks qt. 2217 lb. at Fans. 1½ ℔ lb.	92	3	—
	By Charges Dieting the Bombay Military & Sepoys	572	13	74
	By Charges Dieting Soldiers on board the Warwick	182	4	60
	By Sugar for 10 Candy at Pags. 20 ℔ Candy.	200	—	—
	By Jaggary for 1½ Candy at Pags. 8 ℔ Candy	10	—	—
	By Salt Fish for 30000 at fans. 9 ℔ Hundd.	75	—	—
	By Account Copper Ware	15	3	—
	By Charges Dieting the Tellicherry Sepoys.	260	22	16
	By Charges Cattle	21	32	—
	By Godown Ren[t and] Cooley hire ..	5	—	—
	PAGS.	1434	6	70

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

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JOHN SMITH.

— *JULY 1747* —

[To] THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
FORT ST. DAVID &CA COUNCIL.

The humble Petition of Peter Robin & John Sidu[...]

SHEWETH

That your Petitioners having serv'd the Hon[ble] East India Company [in t]he Station of a Soldier has contracted time & being desirous to con[tinue] his Servitude to the aforesaid Honble Com[pany] most humbly pray y[our] Honour &ca. will be pleased to grant them the usual Bounty Money as is allowed by the aforemention'd Hon[ble] Company.

And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound, shall ever pray.

Landed on shore at
Fort St. George July 1742.

[TO THE HONBLE] CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR
[FORT] ST. DAVID &C COUNCIL

SIR & SIRS

The Petition of Pakala Rownapa SHEWETH that He having contrac[ted to] buy up & deliver to such Pers[ons] as You should send for it a quantity of Redwood & most of the sa[id] Redwood being now ready at DOUGARAZPATAM but no V[es]sels sent thither to take it in, your Petitioner requests that a [vessel] may be sent thither to see that the said Redwood is there [...] off & mark the same that there may be no Room less fo[r Ins]inuations prejudicial to your Petitioner's Character, your Petitioner does not intend hereby to infringe any of the terms Specified in the Contract whereby He is bound to deliver the said Redwood on board any Vessel You shall appoint to take [it] betwixt the Date & the 15th. Day of Septr. next but the said Con[tract] to remain in all its Fo[rm] & Virtue.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 16TH. JULY 1747.

Your Petitioner shall ever p[ray]

TO THE WORSHL. CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVR. OF FORT ST. DAVID &CA. CO.

WORS[HL. SIR & SIRS]

[...] remind you that on [...] past I represented to the [...] our Beating Godown [...] 700 Yards from the Fort was [...] to be pulled down, at [...] time I inform'd your Worship [...] if that order must be put [into execu]tion I could get no Godown & requested You would direct me [...] should put the Company's Cloth to preserve it from the [white] Ants & as I then advised You I had had before as [...] Beating Godown situated about 350 Yards from the Fort pulled down & then I proposed to you to order me assistance to remove that Godown Materials & supply me with Chunam, that I would see for a proper Spot & run it up with all Speed, neither of which you have thought proper to comply with, tho' I did not omit to tell You then, the Company's Investment on your Refusal must be at a Stand & as now the said Godown is pull'd down & the Cloth remov'd into the Fort from whence it must shortly be removed farther, as no Cloth will be suffer'd in the Fort near the Departure of our Squadron, I must therefore now take Liberty to desire to know where I must move the Cloth to, or where I must stow the brown Cloth daily coming in as no Godowns are to be got, & were there, I could n[ot] venture the Company's Cloth in them since none but what We build for that purpose for the Company's Goods, but are subject to be infested with White Ants, Rats &ca. Vermin; I am therefore sorry to say that necessary Article the Honble Company's Investment, so far as the Ballance of Pags. 2139[...] in the Merchants hands is at a Stand for

want of a Beating Godown to finish the White Cloth to send home in September as We may hope to dispatch a Ship then, which would have been a great Advantage [to our] Honble Masters, Especially as the French provide no Cloth, & I cannot help saying, I think We might with Safety have permitted our last de[mo]lished Godown to have stood so small a Building th[...] but up a[...] 70 foot Square of Ground & so near the Fort, might easily in a few Hou[rs] have been pull'd down on the first Alarm, at least We might have allowed it to have remained 'till near the Departure of our Squadron by which time We might have had great part of our Cloth cured & Shipp[ed] & indeed I wish You had spared me the 1000 Parrah of Chunam, to run up a Godown, as before said, for tho' I am equally for Safety, yet I cannot conceive any great matter our Building would have been detained by the allowing it me, since that Quantity of Chunam, will go but a very small Length in Building.

I must now say, as I hinted before, if I must move the Cloth into Houses, or Godowns belonging to the Inhabitants (If any are to be had) that such are liable to white Ants, Rats &c[a]. Vermin, & that if they receive any Damage thereby, I hope I am not to be blamed for I must tell You some Part of the Packing Stuff through removing from the Fort & too frequent Removals, in M[r]. Hinde's Time is already very much damaged by Vermin, which is a Sufficient Reason for my being so Cautious. I am with Respect.

WORSH[L]. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed[t]. Humble Serv[t].
EDWARD CROKE.

The Honble United Company's Cash.

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Dr.							Cr.				
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July	1st	To Ballance from last month					[Ju]ly	1st	By Atcherrapah &ct. Madras Boatmen advanc'd them	200	— —
		In Pags.	17432	—	—			5	By Alexr. Wynch Paymaster advcd. him for Disbursements.		
		In fans.	2493	22	72				In Pags. ..	1500	— —
						19925 22 [...]			In fans. ..	9500	— —
	4	To Profit & Loss gain'd by the Exchge. of 2000 Pags. into fans. @ 39.20 ₰ Pagoda				180 .2 [...]				3000	— —
	10	To Edwd. Croke Warehr. receiv'd of him						15	By Alexr. Wynch Paymaster advc'd. him for Disbursemts.		
		In Madrass Rupees ..	12750	—	—				In Pags. ..	2500	— —
		In Arcott Do. ..	7250	—	—				In fans. ..	1500	— —
		Rups. 20000 @ 339 ₰ %				5899 [...] —				4000	— —
	12	To Edwd. Croke Warehokr. recd of him in A. Rs. 24150 @ 345 ₰ % Pag. ..				7000 [...] —			By Pakala Rownapa advanc'd him for Account of Redwood	4200	— —
	14	To Acct. Currt. Bombay rec'd of Mr. John Haman the Amount of Biscuit receiv'd from thence & sold to his Majesty's Squadron Rups 3618 @ 340 ₱ % Pags.				1064 [...] —		16	By Tonnapah Painter advanc'd him for Account of Madras Chints	1000	— —
								23	By John Smith Steward advanced. him to procure provisions for the Garrison ..	500	— —
	15	To Profit & Loss gained by the Exchge: of 3000 Pags. into fans. @ 39, 40 ₱ Pags.				291 [...] —		25	By Alexr. Wynch Paymaster advcd. him for Disbursemts.		
									In Pags.	1000	— —
	20	To Edwd. Croke Warehe. kr. rec'd of him in A. Rs. 10000 @ 342 ₱ % Pags.				2941 [...] —			In fans.	500	— —
										1500	— —
	30	To Charles Floyer Esqr. Mintmaster rec'd his Ballce. for last Mo. in Ms. Ps. 111 @ 11 ₱ Ct. Advce.				123 [...] —		31st	By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advcd. him for Disbursmts. in Rups. 1094 at 340 ₱ % Pags.	324	27 [...]
		To Acct. Currt. London rec'd of Silas Foster 2058 A. Rs. @ 343 ₱ % Pagodas for a Bill of Exchange payble to Jenny Foster or Order at s. 7 d. 8 ₱ Pagoda				600 [...] —			[By A]lexr. Wynch Paymaster advanced for Charges Garrison &ca.		
									in Pag.	6500	— —
									in fans.	2500	— —
		To Profit & Loss gain'd on the Exchge. of 2058 Rups. @ 340 ₱ % Pagodas ..				[...] [...] —				9000	— —
									[By] Do. Advanc'd him to pay Bombay Soldiers & new Peons	3408	10 67
										27130	2 [3–]

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

Dr.

1747					
JULY 30	To Linga Chitty rec'd of him in part for Broadcloth sold him				[...]
31	To William Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore receivd of Him in [full] of his last Month's Ballance				
	in Pags.	231	—	—	
	in fans.	13	23	[...]	
					[...]
	To William Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore receiv'd of Him in full of his last Month's Ballance				
	in Pags.	32	—	—	
	in fans.	65	3	4	
					[...]
	To Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea & Land Customer of Tevenepatam rec'd of him in full of his last Month's Ballance				
	in Pags.	285	—	—	
	in fans.	15	1	6	
					[...]
	To Shadasheverow Bound Renter rec'd of him for 3 Mo. Rent due the 1st of January ast				[...]
	To Cootah Arrack Farmer rec'd of him for 3 moths. rent due the 1st. April [...]				[...]
	To Ramiah Renter of the Weighing & Measuring duties recd of him for 3 Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st of April last				[...]
	Pags	4	[7756	16	32]

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1747					
	[By] Ballance carried Forward				
	in Pags.	18566	—	—	
	in fans.	2060	14	—	
				20626	14 —
	Pags.			47756	16 32

ER[RORS EXCEP]TED

[CH]ARLES FFLOYER.

— *AUGUST 1747* —

The Honble Company's Ship Bombay Castle from England, the Cap[...] & last from Bencoolen anchord in the Road.

AT A CONSULTATION SATURDAY 1ST.

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM H[OLT].
ALEXR. WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, [*Junr.*]

[Ship] Bombay castle arrives [with] a Genl. Lre from [Fort] Marlbro.

The Hoñble Company's Ship Bombay [Castle] Captain Thomas Brown Commander just now arriving in [this] Road from Europe & an Order having been tendere[...] er to land his Treasure & Packets as Entered hereaft[...] of which is now come to hand Which is Opened[...] General Letter read the Purport whereof We fin[...] with the Duplicate receiv'd by the Lapw[ing] [...]ing been detained near three Months at the Cape on [...] the Appollo & Anglesea Privateers cruizing off that [...]ing with Advices there of the Loss of Madrass She [...] from thence to Bencoolen where She arrived on [...] July & in Consequence of the Orders lodged there fro[m] [...] for any of the Outward bound Shipping together [...] Deputy Governour & Councils Advice to the Com[...] came from thence immediately hither bringing wo[...] Couple of Generals from FORT MARLBRO' which be[...] [...] Open'd & read, the Board have the Satisfaction to [...] Settlement continues in perfect Safety, also tha[...]wing was safe arriv'd with them & was then takei[...] Loading for Europe, & that the Norfolk had arriv'd the[re] in order to proceed unto Benjar but they having advice that a Stop was put to all Trade at that place, by [the] Dutch who had blockaded it with a Squadron of Sh[ips] & no Vessels admitted to go in there, In this Case They [are] obliged to alter her intended Voyage & accordingly [con]sign'd her to China, as the most advantagious Voy[age for] our Hoñble Masters, They had therefore transported her Copper, Pitch & Tar on board the Bombay Castle & consigned the same to Bengall, likewise informing us that wat [*sic*] Military came out by the Bombay Castle designed for this Coast They were Oblig'd to detain with them, their Garrisons being very bare, Occasion'd by their having received no Recruits to Signify for these Several Seasons Past.

[Pa]cket [recd. from] Bengall.

The Princess of Wales Packet from Bengall ℔ Sloop Chatham, being likewise just now come to hand The same is accordingly Opened & the Company's Genl. Letter read.

[Arrack Farm]er [...]

Cootah Arrack Farmer presents the Board with a Petition setting forth the Abuses of his Co[wle] & requesting that Effectual Means may be found to prevent the like for the time to come, AGREED that Messrs. Croke & Holt do make a farther Examination into the said Complaint and if any one be found guilty ORDERED that He be [fined] the Sum of Twenty Pagodas & that the like Penalty be inf[lict]ed on any one that may hereafter be found guilty of the like Offence Copy of his Petition is Entered hereafter.

[...]mbale [...] and &

ORDERED that the Warehousekeeper do embale all the Cloth on hand as soon as possible that the same may be in Readiness for Shipping at a Short Warning.

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[...] sent for [Country Gove]rnmt. Likewise that He set about procureing what Silks & other Articles may offer fit for a Present to the Country Government as there Will shortly be occasion for them.

[Paymas]ter & [Steward] advanc'd. The Paymaster Requesting to be advanc'd three thousand 3000 Pagodas for Disbursements the same is AGREED to be paid Him, likewise Jn°. Smith Steward desiring to be advanc'd One thousand, 1000 Pagodas for the like Account the same is granted Him.

CHARLES FF[LOYER].
EDW: CRO[KE].
W. HOLT.
AR. WY[NCH].
THOMAS COOKE, [*Junr.*]

To CAPT. THOMAS BROWN
[COM]MANDER OF SHIP
BOMBAY CASTLE.

SIR

You are hereby directed to se[nd] the Treasure You have on board belonging to the Ho[ñble Company] as likewise your Madrass & Bengall Packets by the [...] sent You. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 2d. D[ay of August] 1747.

SIGNED, By Order of the Governour & C[ouncil].

THOMAS CO[OKE, *Junr.*]

To THE WORSHL. CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCIL.
The Humble Petition of Cootah Arrack Far[mer].

SHEWETH

That in the Cowle for the Arrack Far[ms] which your Petitioner receiv'd from the late Governour & Cou[ncil] in November last, all Persons Whatever within the Bounds are expressly forbidden to Sell Arrack by Retail, without License had from your Petitioner, Accordingly when certain Persons in Contradiction to the aforesaid Right lodged with your Petitioner presumed to retail Arrack & your Petitioner was informed thereof he made his Address to your Worship & You was pleas'd to forbid them strictly to continue such Practice & likewise to Order others by Beat of Tom Tom not to intermeddle therein & for publick Notice a Copy of the Said Cowle to be affix'd a[t] the Back Gate of this Fort.

After all this done your Petitioner found that Ensign Wardlow sold Arrack by retail in [Cud]dalore without any Application for a License to your Petition[er] as the said Cowle directs, of which your Petitioner inform'd your Worship & You was pleas'd to forbid him to do so for the future but notwithstanding that Prohibition He now Sells it at [Cud]dalore, & another Ensign Mr. Turnbull at the Fort, which [is] the more Surprizing because your Petitioner has been [informed] that your Worship's Express Orders are that no strong Liquors shall be permitted to be brought to the Military at their [Fort].

Your Petitioner has at present Liquors on his Hands to the Amount of 5000 Pagodas, [which] it will be impossible for him to vend, or to pay the Company [...]

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Rent, if others are Suffered to sell He intreats your Worship therefore to Forbid the said Ensigns to concern themselves [any] more in that Trade & to Oblige them to sell what Liquor They may have above the Quantity allowed by the Said [...] to your Petitioner or the Company, & to find out some eff[ective] means to prevent such unjust proceedings for the time [to] come.

Your Petitioner begs leave [hi]ther to acquaint You that Whereas the Company & your [Peti]tioner make use of great Quantities of Jaggary at Pr[esent] & your Worship had issued out an Order that none sh[ould] be carried out of the Bounds, certain Merchants from Pondicherry came lately & bought Jaggary privately & carried the same to Pondicherry under false colour of taking it to Tavady & Pannucootee, places belonging to the Sircar.

Your Petitioner intreats likewise that some expedient Means may be found out to put a Stop to such Proceedings for the future & to prevent the Jaggary being carried out of the Bounds on any pretence whatever.

Your Petitioner refers himself in this & the former Instance to your Worship &c^{a}. Wisdom, & is fully satisfied that Justice will be done him.

And your Petitioner as in [Duty] bound shall ever pray &c^{a}.

P.S.

Besides the two Persons aforemention'd your Petitioner is informed that One M^{r}. Murray belonging to the Commodore's Ships Sells Arrack in Cuddalore without a License.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}. GOVERNOUR. — SATURDAY 8TH.

EDWARD CROKE. — WILLIAM [HOLT].

ALEX^{R}. WYNCH. — THOMAS COO[KE, *Jun^{r}.*]

General Letter from Tellicherry N^{o}. 59 advising that they have come to a Resolution to remit [us] if possible the amount of y^{e}. Eight Chests of Treasure We required & that if any Sea Conveyance offers, they shall not fail to forward us the Seamen belonging to the Europe Ships that a Small Sloop arriv'd at Mahie on the 18th. July which they are of Opinion came from the Mauritius & on the 21st. following arriv'd there a Snug Ship of thirty Guns & about 120 Men which last gave out She came from Mocha but they rathe[r] believe She came from the Islands & take her to be one of the Fleet of twelve Ships which they give out they expect from thence Also enclosing a Letter from the Vice Roy of Goa to Commodore Griffin which they request may be delivered to Him. Lr̃e from Tellicherry.

There being reason to apprehend the Appearance of the Enemy's Squadron on the Coast & the Hoñble Company's Ship Severn from Bombay remaining in this Road fully loaded & under Dispatches for Europe, It is tho^{t}. Necessary to inform the Commander with such our Apprehensions & to recommend to Him to loose no time in preparing for his Departure, a Letter is therefore drawn out to the like Purpose & Sent Him as enter'd hereafter As also an Order Signed by the Secretary directing Him not to take away any Person belonging to this Garrison, Copy of which is likewise inserted hereafter. Lre to Capt. Collier of Ship Severn.

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[Gl Lre to]. Court of [Directors] to be sent] A General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors Ordered to be drawn out to advise of all material Occurrences, since the Date of our Last & to be forwarded by the Severn.

[Bombay castle [put under] Commodore's [direction] The Board taking into Consideration the Disposal of the Bombay castle & believing that the Commodore would be glad of her Assistance in the Squadron, for that as well as several other Motives as mentioned in Consultation of the 8th. June, It is Agreed that She be immediately put under his Direction & an Order is accordingly drawn out to the Commander as entered hereafter & ORDERED that the Warehousekeeper & Storekeeper do cause what Copper Pitch & Tar She may have on board on the Honble Companys Account to be landed with all Expedition.

William Reade presents [a petition to the board. William Reade presents a Petition to the Board as entered hereafter setting forth his long passage from Europe & the Expences He was necessarily at during his Stay at the Cape & Bencoolen which being had in Consideration, AGREED that He be allowed his standing from the Day of his Arrival at Bencoolen & that his Salary & Diet Money be paid him accordingly.

Storekeeper advanc'd. The Storekeeper requesting to be advanc'd the amount of seven Hundred 700 Pagodas in Rupees that Sum is Ordered to be paid Him.

Genl. Lres to Bengall Bombay, Tellicherry & Anjengo. AGREED that General Letters be drawn out & dispatch'd to Bengall, Bombay, Tellicherry & Anjengo to advise of the arrival of our Honble Masters Ship Bombay Castle, on the first Instant, & informing them of Such News as We receiv'd by her as ℔ Copies of the Said Letters Enter'd No. 51,, 52,, 54,, 55.

CHARLES FFLOY[ER].
EDW : CROKE.
,, W. HOLT.
,, AR. WY[NCH].
THOMAS [COOKE, *Junr*]

TO CAPT. JOSEPH COLLIER COMMANDER
OF SHIP SEVERN.

SIR

We having Reason to app[rehend] the appearance of the Enemy's Squadron very Shortly [on this] Coast has occasion'd us to reflect on the Circumstances [...] Ship being fully loaded & under Dispatches for Europe [...] We think necessary to advise You of that you may loo[se no] time in preparing for your Departure & as a means to [hast]en the Same, We desire that if You are in Want of Las[cars] or any thing else that is in our Power to Supply You, a[cquaint] us therewith, & We will assist You. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
[...] AUGUST 1747.

SIR
Your most humble Serva[nts]
CHARLES FLOYER [...]

TO CAPT. JOSEPH COLLIER
COMMANDER OF SHIP SEVERN.

SIR

As your Ship is now near on her Departure for Europe, This by Order of the Governour & Council comes to direct that You carry away no Person whatever belonging to this Garrison or otherwise entertain'd in the Companys Pay. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 10th. Day of August 1747.

Signed By Order of the Governour & Council.

THOMAS COOKE, *Junr*.
Secry.

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[To Captain] Thomas Brown Commander
[of the] Bombay Castle.

Sir,

We having come to a Resolution of putting your Ship under the Direction of Commodore Griffin, This comes to direct that You follow such Orders as You shall from Time to [Time] receive from Him Dated in Fort St. David this 11th. Day of August 1747.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas [Cooke, *Junr.*]

[To The Wors]hl. Charles Floyer Esq. Governour
[And Council] of Fort St. David.

The Humble Petition of William Rea[de].

Sheweth

That Whereas your Petitioner was entertained a Writer in the Honble Company's Service, He accordingly proceeded to India on the Bombay Castle, Capt. Browne who being appriz[ed] of the Loss of Fort St. George & of two French Privateers that were cruizing off the Cape, obliged him to continue three Months at t[hat] Place & afterwards went to Bencoolen where He continued a Month more, all which time your Petitioner having been at Ex[pen]ces, humbly requests your Worship &ca. will be pleased to take the same in Consideration & hopes You will think it reasonable to make him some allowance for ye. same.

And your Petitioner therefore as in [Duty] bound shall ever pray &ca.

At a Consultation

Present

Charles Floyer Esq. Governour. — Saturday 15th.
Edward Croke. — William Holt.
Alexr. Wynch. — Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

General Letter from Mr. Thomas Saunders at Ingeram read advising that, as the Situation of Affairs is very precarious He has sent his Books & Journal Parcels to remain at Vizagapatam 'till such time as He receives our Directions to send them hither as ℔ Copy thereof Enterd No. 60. — Genl. Lre from Ingeram.

The Governour acquaints [the] Board that the Warehousekeeper paid into Cash on the 12th. In[stant the] Sum of four thousand, nine hundred Sixty six & a ha[lf] Rupees amounting to fourteen Hundred Sixty Pagodas [twenty] six Fanams & thirty nine Cash 1460. 26. 39. — Who. kr. pays Money into Cash.

Pakala Rownapa ha[ving] Occasion for a farther Advance of Twenty 20 Pagodas [on account] of the Redwood The Same was paid him on the 13th. [Instant]. — Money advanced Packala [R]ownapa.

Capt. Thomas Best late [Commander] of the Ship Princess Amelia being Arrived frcm Ma[...] and desirous of proceeding to Europe, requests the Board will [be pleased to] grant Him a Permit to Capt. Collier to receive H[...] together with his Nephew & Servant, the former [John] Papworth & the latter Jno. Harrison which being A[greed] the same is drawn out & deliver'd him As Signed by the [Secretary] & Enter'd hereafter. — [Capt]n Thomas Best re[que]sts a permit to go to [Europe] by the Severn with [his] Nephew & Servant wch is [gr]anted.

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Madrass Painter examined regarding the Compys [goods] remaining in their [h]ands. Money advanc'd them.

Nella Conda, Vencatty Put[...]pah, another Set of Madrass Painters, appearing before the [Board and] being examined regarding what Goods were remaining in [their] Hands upon the Loss of Madrass, they acknowledge to [...] fifteen Corge of Chints their [*sic*] under their Performance & [which] they acquaint us is all Safe, & will be ready to bring [...] January but as they have lost all their Wax & Colour [they] request an Advance of three hundred 300 Pagodas for the purchasing of more which being thought Reasonable is Advanced them accordingly.

Six more Letters to the Commdrs. of the Compy's Ships dispers'd abt. the Coast.

The Orders that were lodged about the Coast & otherwise dispers'd for the Commanders of any of the outward bound Shipping as by consultation of the 6th. July not being thought Sufficient, ORDERED that Six more be now drawn out of the same Tenour as before & to be dispers'd in other Places.

Orders to the Commandr. of the Fanny Sloop dispatch'd to Galle & Trancomalay.

The Fanny Sloop having been Ordered in her Return from the West Coast to Touch at Trancomalay or Galle & to wait there for Orders from this Board, As She may now shortly arrive at One or Other of those Places, Orders are now drawn out & dispatch'd accordingly as enter'd hereafter.

[Lre. from] Capt. Brown [of Bom]bay Castle read. Answer to Do.

Letter from Capt. Browne of the Bombay Castle read acknowledging the Receipt of our Order directing him to follow the Direction of Commodore Griffin, and requesting an Answer to several Questions as inserted therein Copy of which Letter together with the Board's Reply is ORDERED to be enter'd hereafter.

[Brillant S] now lent [commodore] for a pri- [vate Expn.] &a.

The Governour informing the Board that the Commodore has Occasion for a small Vessel to send on a private Expedition, AGREED to furnish him with the Brilliant Snow for that Purpose, and as the Governour farther advises, that She will call at Bencoolen in her Way It is, thought a good Opportunity to supply that Settlement with the remaining Salt they indent for & accordingly ORDERED that the Storekeeper do lade on her as much as She can conveniently take in. Also AGREED that a General Letter be prepar'd to send by her to advise thereof, as well to reply to their Letters ℔ Ship Bombay Castle.

Fort Marlbro [. . .] prepar'd.

[Present ma]de the Capt.

And as the Occasion of this Expedition, is such as renders it improper for the Commander and Officers to carry any Priviledge which being always usual & of great Advantage to them, & as it is not to be imagined that they can serve only for their Pay, Unless They have those Indulgences, In consideration of being depriv'd thereof, It is farther AGREED that a present be made Him & his Officers of five Hundred 500 Pagodas to be divided among them.

Lre from Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn.

The Governour produces a Letter He has receiv'd from Nabob Mahmed Ally Cawn, requesting that as some Elephants belonging to him being in Number fourteen have been lately landed at Cuddalore & no Opportunity Offering to dispose of them & moreover as there is a great Scarcity of Food to maintain them, That He may be permitted to carry them away Custom free which in Consideration of the Service he & his Brother have lately done us, & the Occasion there is at this Juncture to keep up a Strict Friendship with Him, AGREED that He be indulged in the said Request, It is therefore ORDERED that they be clear'd accordingly.

Aqua fortis purchased for the use of the Mint.

There being some Aqua fortis of[fered for] Sale to the Amount of six hundred, ninety five Pagodas [twenty] Seven Fanams (695. 27.) the same being extreamly u[seful to] the Mint AGREED that it be Purchased for that Use.

Paymr. advanced.

The Paymaster requesting to be [advanced] Four Thousand 4000 Pagodas for Disbursements, Or[dered the] same to be paid him.

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Present sent the King of Atchein by Capt. Byers. Money advanc'd Capt. Byers for the Use of the Brilliant Snow.

Capt. Byers of the Brilliant [Snow having] some Affair to negotiate with the King of Atchein, for [...] of the Commodore in his intended Voyage, AGREED [...] par'd with a small present to the Amount of two [hundred] eighty nine Pagodas, six Fanams 289. 6 to consist [...]ticles as He may think proper & ORDERED that [...] do procure him the Same, & likewise Agreed that [...] Six hundred & fifty 650 Rups. for the Defraying any [...] Expences that may happen in the said Voyage.

Ensigns Commissions given Messrs. Hugh Flinn & Henry Collins.

Mr. Jones recommending Mess. [Hugh] Flinn & Henry Collins as qualified to carry commissions to act in the Train of Artillery, Commissions are accordingly drawn out & given them.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

[To CAPT.] JOSEPH COLLIER
[COMMANDER OF SHIP] SEVERN.

SIR

Captain Thomas Bes[t Joh]n Papworth & John Harrison having our License to proceed to Europe You are hereby permitted to receive them & their Necessaries on Board. DATED in FORT ST. DAVID this 14th. August 1747.

SIGNED By Order of the Governr. & Council.

THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*
Secry.

[To CAPTAIN] ROBERT HAMILTON MASTER
[OF SHIP] FANNY OR THE COMMANDG.
[OFFICER] FOR THE TIME BEING.

SIR

As We imagine it has been Specified in your Orders from the Govr. & Council of Fort Marlbro' to fall in either at Galle or Trancomalay & to wait there for our farther instructions, We now write to you to direct, in case you receive this any time before the 10th. September that You immediately make the best of your Way hither, otherwise We would have You put into Trancomalay Bay & remain there 'till You receive our farther Orders, taking an Opportunity to advise us of your Arrival, & of any other News you think will be acceptable. We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
THE 15TH. AUGUST 1747.

SIR
Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

— *AUGUST 1747* —

To the Worshl. Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

I receiv'd your Letter of yesterday['s date] directing me to follow such Orders as I should from [time to] time receive from Commodore Griffin, I shall alwa[ys esteem it] an Honour to be under Mr. Griffin's Command [...] which I must beg leave to acquaint You, that I [...] my Original Instructions from the Court of Direct[ors] when your Letter directed to Batavia fell into my [hands at] Bencoolen, setting forth your Want of Money, Store[...] sequence thereof I came hither, And not know [...] any ill Accident happen, what Law suits I may [...]volve myself in with my Owners for not persecut[...] age, according to my Original Instructions & [...] the Company & them from the Cape of Good Ho[...] treat the Favour that you will in the Body of yo[...] demnify me from any ill Consequences attend[ing thereof].

And as an Agent for [...] I am in duty bound to take care of their Interest [...] that of the Honble Company therefore beg You [...] in the said Order that the Company will answer [...] Damage &ca. the Ship Bombay Castle may receive in Consequence of this Service.

Both which Articles I hope you'll take into Consideration, & think it reasonable to comply therewith And have now only to desire to know before I am put under Martial Law & Discipline (further than Charter Party) what Kind of Commission the Commodore give to support the Command as a Ship of War & to free myself & Officers from Wapping Attorneys, And in case of Prizes, how the same are to be Shard.

And as our India Ships are as private Ships of War by Virtue of their Letters of Marque & have the Honour to bear a Commission under the King's own Hand, I am persuaded that Commodore Griffin is more of a Gentleman than to use us in that Servile Manner that Masters of other Merchant's Ships are exposed or Subject to from his Majesty Ships of [...] when taken into the Government's Service, I am

['Fort] St. David.
['The 12th.] August 1747.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servt.

Thomas Brown.

[To Captain] Thomas Brown
[Command]er of Ship Bombay Castle.

Sir,

We have your Letter of the 12th. in Which You desire an Answer from us to the Several matters there[in] Recited & having taken the same into Consideration, We no[w] reply thereto as follows.

As to the Indemnification that You ask of us for coming to this Port, We think it Sufficient to Say, that the State of the Company's Affairs on this Coast, required the procuring what Assistance We could from their Shipping of Men, Money & Stores & that in Consequence thereof We signified the same to the Commanders of the Shipping bound to the Coast & Bay, & accordingly gave Orders for their proceeding hither, which Order You have under our hands.

The Next is the Company to answer for any Loss, Damage &ct. that may happen to the Ship Bombay Castle, on account of her being put under the Orders of Commodore Griffin, to this We need only refer You to the Clause in the Charter party of the said Ship between the Company & Owners, being there express'd to be taken up for Trade & Warfare.

As to the Commission given [...] the Commodore to Support the Command We desire You [would] be referr'd to him for further Satisfaction in [that Matter as] well as the Share of Prizes, & as to the last Article [...] ourselves that it is not the

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intention of that [Government] to treat any of the Commanders of the Companys [ships] employed under his Command in any manner [...] the Commissions They bear from his Majesty.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID,
THE 16TH. AUGUST 1747.

SIR,
Your most hu[mble Servants]

CHARLES [FLOYER].
EDWARD [CROKE].
WILLIAM [HOLT].
ALEXANDE[R WYNCH].
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

AT A CONSULTATION — WEDNESDAY 19TH.

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. — WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH. — THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Genl. Lre to Fort Marlbro by the Brilliant Snow read & Sign'd.

Our Hoñble Master's Snow Brilliant being ready for Sailing, & the General which was ORDERED to be drawn out to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlborough being prepared accordingly the same is now Read & Signed as Enter'd Nº. 56 together with the Captain's Sailing Orders which being deliverd him the Copy thereof is enter'd hereafter.

Capt. Byers if taken to have his pay & allowances till made free again.

Capt. John Byres representing the Risque He runs in his intended Voyage of falling in with the Enemy's Ships in Consideration thereof, it is thought reasonable in case He should have the Misfortune to be taken to continue him his Pay & Allowances, 'till such time as He is made a Freeman again.

[. . .] the board.

The Warehousekeeper reports that last Year He represented to Mr. Hinde the large Quantity of Wrappers that were lying upon hand when a General Letter was accordingly wrote to the Presidency to know their Directions concerning it, but on account of the then approaching troubles, the Board did not receive any answer, Upon which He afterwards reminded Mr. Hinde about it, when it was AGREED that forty Bales of the best Wrappers, should be beat & Pack'd up & ten more be dyed blew in Order to be sent to the Westcoast which was accordingly done, but no Conveyance offering in Mr. Hinde's Life time & Mr. Lenox afterwards informing that Torn Cloth would by no means serve for that Coast, the same was not Sent, by which means there is now remaining, besides the ten Bales of Mr. Saunders's 102 Corges of Long Cloth & 105 of Salampores, which being considerably more than there is Occasion for, He now requests the Board will have Regard thereto, & give such Directions about it as may be thought necessary. since they may rot by longer keeping, and liable to farther Damage by the frequent Removals which the present Troubles occasion, The Board taking the same into mature consideration, and as there are many People, belonging to the Shippg. that may possibly have occasion for it, It is thought a good Opportunity to dispose of it, which being judged most for our Hoñble Masters Interest, AGREED that it be put up at publick Outcry & that Notice be given thereof accordingly.

Torn & damaged Cloth agreed to be put up at Outcry.

Lre from Capt. Collier of the Severn

Letter from Capt. Collier of the Severn, under the 17th. Instant read & acknowledgeing the Receipt of our Letter, adviseing him to prepare for Sailing, & requesting the Board to Supply him with Men to compleat his Complement, likewise informing of the Death of his Chief Mate on the 15th. Instant & desiring to be furnish'd with a 2d. & 3d. Mate Copy whereof together with the Board's reply & a Permit to Capt. Bell is entere[d] hereafter.

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Fascine Battery order'd to be bu lt at the Si. E. [*sic*] End of Tevenepatam.

In Consequence of the Council of War held on the 19th. July to fortify the Several Points in Tevenep[atam]. The Paymaster is now ORDERED to set about making [a Fascine] Battery with Guard Rooms at the N.E. End there[of].

Cotton Bales ℔ the Warwick order'd to be put up on the Terrasses for their Security in case of a Bombardmt.

It being represented that the [Cotton Bales] received from Bombay ℔ Warwick will be of great [security to] the Lodgings in the Fort in case of a Bombard[ment by putt]ing them on the Terrasses, AGREED that they be [...]ed accordingly, observing to advise Bengall [...] the same & of the Occasion thereof.

Mr. Cope delivers in a List of Fees due to the Clerk of the Market.

Mr. Henry Cope deliv[ering in a list of Fees] due to the Clerk of the Market agreeable to [...] Madrass, AGREED that He be indulg'd th[...] be enter'd hereafter.

Storekeeper order'd to clear the Godowns under the East Curtain.

There being a great [...] the People of the Garrison, ORDERED that [the Storekeeper] move what Stores are in the Godowns [...] that purpose & that He keep the Stores [...] Godowns procurable at Cuddalore.

Who. kr. pays Money into Cash.

The Worehousekee[per pays in a] Sum of thirty Eight thousand Six Hundred, thirty one Rupees amounting to Eleven thousand, Two hundred, & fifty one Pagodas, Seven Fanams & eighteen Cash (11251. 7. 18).

Genl. Lre to the Court of Directors to go by the Severn read & Signed.

The General Letter to the Honble Company which was Ordered to be prepared to send by the Ship Severn, being now Produced, the same is Read & Signed & the Packet being closed is delivered to Capt. Collier & his Receipt taken for it as usual, whereupon he takes his leave to repair on board & set Sail immediately.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW : CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

[To] JOHN BYERS COMMANDER
[OF] SNOW BRILLIANT.

SIR,

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board your Vessel, & Wind & Weather permitting to weigh Anchor & make the best of your Way to Fort Marlbro on the Coast of Sumatra where You are to deliver the Packet herewith delivered You to the Deputy Governour & Council & for any other Instructions that may be necessary during your Passage thither, We hereby refer You to such as You may receive from the Governour of this Place to which We require your Strict Obedience DATED IN FORT ST. DAVID this 19th. August 1747.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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To the Worshl. Charles Floyer Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. David.

Sir & Sirs,

By Letter receiv'd dated August 7th. 1747 wherein You inform me of your having Reason to apprehend the Appearance of the Enemy's Squadron very shortly on the Coast; and advising me to lose no time in preparing for my Departure, and as a means to hasten the same have promised to assist me with Lascars or any thing else in your Power.

On the next Day I waited on the Deputy Governour & acquainted him that I should want twenty Lascars to make up my Complement designing to turn ten of my Topasses ashore who are of no Service to the Ship, & which according[ly] I did on the 12th. Instant & the other 15 remaining on board are most of them Landsmen.

We are now waiting for your Assis[tance to have] our Complement filled up with Europeans or Lasca[rs and for] Letters or Papers Your Worship &ca. may have to send [to our] Honble Masters.

On the 15th. Instant died Mr. J[...] my Chief Mate, & my third Mate being left at Telli[cherry] desire your Worship &ca. will Assist me, & recom[...] qualified for my 2d. Mate & permit Capt. Bell [to spare] his 4th. Mate for a third, I having no other Mates [except] Mr. Humphries my late 2d. Mate & Mr. Taylor my [...].

Sir & Sirs
Your most humble [Servant]
Joseph Collier.

Fort St. David,
the 17th. August 1747.

To Capt. Joseph Collier Commander
of Ship Severn.

Sir,

We have receiv'd your Letter of yesterday's Date and as We wrote you before so also advise you now to make the best of your Way off this Coast for fear of your being surprized by the Enemy.

We are sorry to acquaint You we are not able to provide You with any Lascars, the few Cooley Lascars that were here some time ago being gone from us for fear of being press'd on board your Ship for Europe, You must be acquainted with the State of our Garrison which will not permit us to give You any Assistance out of it.

If Capt. Bell is willing He shall be permitted to spare you his fourth Mate.

We shall send you our Packet for the Company this Evening wishing you a good Voyage. We are

Sir,
Your most humble Servants
Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

[Fort St. Dav]id,
[The 18th. August] 1747.

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[To Captain] Bell Commander
[of Sno]w Swift.

Sir,

Captain Collier in the Severn being now on his Departure for Europe, & having represented to the Governour & Council the Want of a third Mate, You are hereby permitted to spare him your fourth to supply that Station. Dated in Fort S[t]. David this 18[th]. Day of August 1747.

Signed By Order of the Governour & Council.

Thomas Cooke, *Jun[r].*
Secry.

List of the Clerk of the Market's Fees Viz[t].
For the marking of the Weights &c[a].

Weights.		Cash.
5 Seer or 1 Viss	Fans. 3	
2½ or ½	do. 1 ..	40
1¼ or ¼	do.	60
& for the Smaller Weights above Pagoda Weigt	..	30

Measures.		Cash.
1 Whole Measure	Fans. 2	
½	Do. 1	
¼	Do. or 1 Seer	40
1/8	Do.	20
1/16[th]	Do.	[10]
1/32	Do.	[5]

For the Old Weights.		Cash.
5 Seer or 1 Viss	.. Fans. 1	40
2½ or ½	.. .. ..	60
1¼ or ¼ ..	.. .. ..	30
& for the Smaller Weights	.. .. ..	15

For Old Measures.		
1 Old Measure	.. ..	Fa[..]
½	Do.	[..]
¼	Do.	[..]
1/8	Do.	[..]
1/16	Do.	[..]
1/32	Do.	[..]

For the new Pound Weights..			
56 lb Weights	.. Fans.	9	..
28 lb	Do. ..	4	40
14	Do. ..	2	20
& for the smaller Weights the same			

For the old Pound We[ights].	
56 lb	.. .. .. [..]
28 do.	.. .. [..]
14 do.	.. .. .. [..]
And for the smaller Wei[ghts the same].	

21 The Hoñble Company's Ship Severn Joseph Collier Comm[dr.].
25 The Hoñble Company's Snow Brilliant Jn[o]. Byers Comm[dr]. [...].
28 His Majesty's Ship the Medway from the Southward anc[...].
29 The Hoñble Company's Snow Swift Jn[o]. Bell Comm[dr]. saild for [...].
30 A Dutch ship from the Southward pass'd by to the Northward [...]
31 His Majesty's Squadron sail'd out of the Road to the Sou[thward].
A Dane's Ship from the Southward pass'd by to the No[rthward].
A Dutch Ship from the Southward pass'd by to the Nort[hward].

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR. MONDAY THE 31ST.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXR. WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

General Letter from the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam read as enter'd No. 61. [Genl.] Lre from Vizagapatm.

The Time drawing near for the Squadron to leave the Coast, The Board now have it in consideration how to dispose of the Remaining Bales on hand as most for the Security & conveniency of our Honble Masters, since they cannot remain here without being expos'd to great Risque having no Room to keep them, but in Cuddalore where it would be impossible to defend them should the Enemy make any vigorous attempt on that Place, for these Reasons it is therefore AGREED to be most for the Interest of our Honble Masters to export them to such Places as they may [meet] with Tonnage to Europe in the proper Season & least a miscarriage should happen to them by sending them all one Way, It is thou[ght] prudent to divide the Risque & therefore Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do load half of them on board the Princess Augusta for Bencolen & the other half on board the Warwick for Bengall, & that He forward the same with all Expedition. [Whokr.] order'd to lade half the remg. bales. on hand on board [The Princess] Augusta & the [Other half on] board the [Warwick.]

Also Ordered that General Letters be prepar'd by each Ship to advise of the same & of any other Particulars that may occur. [Genl Lre to] be prepar'd [For Ben Coolen]. & Bengall [. . .] ntion'd.

The Houses in Tevenepatam being all levelled in Consequence of our former Results excepting the Dutch Factory which being a strong building with a spacious Compound & very advantagiously situated to annoy the Fort, should the Enemy by any means get Possession thereof & it being judged absolutely necessary by all the Officers of the Garrison that the same be either Pulled down or else Liberty attain'd to put it in a fit Condition to prevent the Enemy receiving any Service from it, It was AGREED upon the many Remonstrances We have had on this Affair that Application be made to the Governour & Council of Negapatam regarding the same a General Letter was therefore drawn out for that Purpose under Date the 19th Instant as entered No. 57. [Genl Lre to] the Govr. & [Council at] Negapatam.

The Warehousekeeper Ordered to prepare a large Number of Sand Bags in readiness to be filled & fix'd on the Top of the Caserns & other Places where required for the better Security against a Bombardment & in case there should not be a sufficient Quantity of Gunneys on hand for that Use, He is permitted to purchase as many more as He can get. W. ho. kr. order'd to prepare a large Number of Sand Bags.

Two more good Horses offering for Sale at Pa[godas] fifty 50 each the same are now bought & paid for. Two more Horses bought.

The Storekeeper Order'd to procure as [much] Ghee for the Garrison as will make up the Quantity on hand [one hun]dred & fifty 150 Duppers. Storekeeper order'd to procure Ghee for the Garrison.

Ditto requesting to be advanc'd one [thousand] 1000 Pagodas for Disbursements the same was paid him [...] Instant, when the like Sum was also paid Mr. John [Smith Stew]ard for the procuring Provisions for the Garrison. Storekr. advanced.

The Warehousekeeper pays into Cash [...] Instant Three thousand eight Hundred & forty /3840/ [...] to eleven hundred & sixteen Pagodas, ten fanams, & five Cash. W:ho. kr: pays Money into Cash.

The Paymaster requesting to be [advanced a] Sum of two thousand /2000/ Pagodas, for Disburseme[nts the same] was advanc'd him the 26th. Instant. Paymr. advanc'd.

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W:ho.kr. pays Money into Cash.

The Warehousekeeper likewise [paid into cash] on the 27 Instant the sum of ten thousand, three [...]ty Rupees amounting to three thousand 3000 Pago[das].

Mr. Robt. Sloper produces a Bill on the Compy. wch is order'd to be discharg'd.

Mr. Robert Sloper producing [a Bill for] sundry Expences He was at on the Honble Comp[any] when at Pulacat in procuring Intelligence, the [same is ordered] to be discharged.

W.ho.kr'. Acct. read.

Edward Croke Warehousekeeper re[ads that] Account for last Month, Ballance due from him Pagoda[s] [two] thousand two hundred, & twenty, twenty two, fanams. & forty [seven] Cash /2220,, 22,, 47/ which He carries forward.

Journal Parcels produc'd.

The Accomptant produces the Journ[al] [Par]cel for the Month of June.

Cudd. Custr's Acct. read.

William Holt Sea & Land Customer of [Cudda]lore reads those Accounts for last Month, Ballance due [from] him on the former, two hundred, twenty six Pagodas, eighteen Fanams, & thirty eight Cash /226,, 18,, 38 & on the latter seventy six Pagodas, twenty five Fanams & fifty Cash 76,, 25,, 50/ both which Sums He now pays in.

Paymr. acct. read.

ALEXANDER WYNCH Paymaster reads his Account for last Month Vizt.

	Pagodas.	Fans.	Cash.
Charges Garrison	3536	—	40
Charges Hospital	46	25	20
Peon's & Servant's Wages	3461	28	67
Charges General	107	34	48
Charges Extraordinary	549	15	65
Fortifications & Repairs	2625	2	19
New Hornwork	6780	5	6
Dead Man's Battery	855	2	21
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diet	372	—	—
Household Necessaries	560	—	—
Account Plate	159	—	—
Pagodas ..	19104	—	6

[. . . .] the Pay.

Ballance due from him three hundred & fifty Pagodas Twenty two Fanams & Seven Cash /350. 22. 7/ which He is ordered to carry forward & the Particulars of the Extraordinary Expence to be enter'd hereafter, & He requesting to be advanc'd the Sum of five thousand, five Hundred Pagodas for to defray Charges Garrison & Buildings, the same is now paid him, also the Sum of three thousand, sixty four Pagodas, Twenty three Fanams & seventy one Cash /3064,, 23,, 71/ to pay Bombay Soldiers & new Peons.

[Storekr.] Acct. read. [Money] advanc'd him.

THOMAS COOKE JUNR. Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due to him, nine hundred forty seven Pagodas & seventy eight Cash /947,, ,, 78/ which He is Ordered to carry forward & He requesting to be advanc'd two thousand /2000/ Pagodas for Disbursements the same is ORDERED to be paid him.

[Tevenepatam] Custrs. Acct. read. Mint Acct. read.

DITTO Tevenepatam Customer reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him One hundred Pagodas, thirty three fanams & twenty two Cash /100,, 33,, 22/ which He now pays in.

The Governour reads the Mint Account for last Month, Ballance, due therefrom, five thousand, four hundred, forty seven Arcot Rupees & fifteen Anaes /5447,, 15/ Thirty one /31/ Madrass Pagodas, & ninety six Current Pagodas nine Fanams & seventy Cash /96,, 9,, 70/ all which He now pays in except the Rupees which are carried forward.

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John Smith Steward delivers in his Acco[unt] for this Month, Ballance due to him, twelve hundred, thirty eig[ht] Pagodas, three Fanams & twenty one Cash /1238,, 3,, 21/ which He [is] Order'd to carry forward & his Account to be enter'd hereafter. Stewards Acct. read.

The Warehousekeeper now pays into Cash the sum of seven thousand 7000 Pagodas, the same being in [...] his Ballance [for] this Month. Who.kr. pays Money into Cash.

Sadasheverow Bound Renter pays into [Cash a] Sum of eight Hundred, Thirty three Pagodas & twelve Fanams 833,, 12,, ,, being for three Months Rent of that Cowle due [...] April last. Bound Rent paid in.

Irshapah Chitty & Persham Chi[tty] Tobacco Farmers, pay into Cash the Sum of three hu[ndred and Seventy] five 375 Pagodas for three Month's Rent of that [Farm due the] first of May last. Beetle & Tobacco Farm paid in.

ORDERED that the Remain[ing Copper of] what brought here by the Bombay castle be shipp'd [on board the] Warwick for Bengall. Copper from the Bombay Castle order'd to be shipp'd on board the Warwick for Bengall.

The Governour representing [to the Board] that another of the Company's Servants should be [placed at Porto] novo in the Room of Mr. Nicholls who has been [...]patam for the forwarding of Letters & Intelligence [agreed that] Mr. Henry Cope do repair thither accordingly. Mr. Henry Cope order'd to repair to Porto novo.

The Board now judge proper to re[...] that soon after Mr. Hinde's Death, It was AGREED by the [...] of Commodore Griffin to apply to Nazam for his Assistan[ce and] Protection as it was found by Experience that no Dependa[ncy can] be placed in the Arcot Government as the Nabob of that [place] had so lately deceiv'd our Nation by suffering the French for a [sum of] Money to take Madrass our Capital Settlement, It was [therefore] unanimously resolved to prepare for an Embassy to Naz[am in] order to acquire his Assistance by the time the Squadron would be obliged to leave the Coast, accordingly Mr. John Hallyburton, & Mr. William Beawes were fixed on as the two properest Persons for that Undertaking & desired to get every thing ready that was suitable for such an Expedition, a Handsome Present was likewise preparing for that purpose, when, after waiting sometime, Advices were receiv'd that Nazam was gone from Golconda/ the Place where it was intended our Gentlemen should wait upon him/ to Aurangabaud at least a Month's Journey from us, & being advised at the same time that his Son Nauzir Jong was coming into these Parts to settle some Affairs in this Province, it was then judged most con[venient] & equally advantagious to lay aside our first Design & ap[proach] the Son, soon after this arriv'd here two Messengers with Letters from Nazam & Nauzir Jong in answer to those wrote by Mr. Hinde upon the Loss of Madrass The contents of which Letters are Order'd to be enter'd after this Consultation, & the Governour represents to the Board that these Messengers upon their first coming shew'd him an Agreement wherein they were to have one thousand 1000 Pagodas for the introducing of Mr. Hinde's & the Commodore's Letters to Nazam, & which they insisted on being made good before they would enter upon any Business, which as We were under a Necessity of applying to Nazir Jong, & as that must be through the Assistance of those Messengers He thought it adviseable to pay them the Money & upon examining the Peons how they came to sign such an Agreement, they reply they had been at the Camp of Nazam for some time & could meet with no Person that would introduce them or deliver the Letters they had without making such an Agreement which they thought it was better to do, than to return again with the Letters, but the Reasons not being at all approv'd off, they were severely reprimanded & imprison'd for near three Months, to deter others from giving away any of the Companys Money, without having a proper Authority for so doing, & Ordered that a Translate of their Obligation be enter'd hereafter. Proceedings concerning the Country Governmt.

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Mootal order'd to prepare himself for an Embassy to Nauzir Jong.

The Governour likewise represents to the Board, that the Commodore & himself discours'd several Times with these Messengers & upon the whole it was thought adviseable to send a Vakeel properly attended to Nauzir Jong, an intelligent Person that could represent to him all the Injuries the French had committed on our Nation & Mootal being thought capable thereof He was accordingly ORDERED to prepare himself to set out with the Messengers, The Commodore & the Governor giving him instructions how to act & to request a Convoy to be sent here for two English Gentlemen to [wa]it upon him.

Capt. Crompton is desired to prepare himself for an Embassy to Ditto.

Mr. John Hallyburton being afterwards under a Necessity of go[ing to] the Northward to Transact some [of his] own private [business] Capt. Crompton was then desired to get [ready to] accompany Mr. Beawes in this Expedition to Nauzir Jong [as soon] as the Convoy arrives from Him.

The Govr. acquaints the Board that he advis'd the Company of this Embassy by the Britannia.

The foregoing being only discours'd on & not tho[ught] proper to be enter'd in our Consultations before, it [...] to be kept as private as possible, The Governour now [acquaints the] Board that He advis'd the Company by the Ships [...]wing that such an Embassy was on foot & that [...] judged absolutely necessary.

Storekr. order'd to deliver out Drams to the Garrison.

The Squadron having sail'd [from this Coast] on the 20 Instant & our Military being now kept [...] Duty, ORDERED that the Storekeeper do deliver out [Drams] to the whole Garrison.

Cash Acct. read.

The Governour reads the Cash [account for the] Month Ballance whereof compar'd with the Chest, [...] Pagodas, Fanams & Cash, amounts to thirty one thousand [eight] Pagodas, fourteen Fanams & fifty Cash /31008. 14. 50/ [which] is carried forward, & the Account Ordered to be enter'd hereafter.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES in the Paymaster's Account are [in] the following Particulars, July the 31st. 1747.

Charges Garrison Persons occasionally enter'd in the four Companys & Gunroom Crew	PAGODAS	333	19	[..]
Charges Extraordinary as ℔ Account		549	15	[..]
Fortifications & Repairs as ℔ Ditto		2625	2	[..]
New Hornwork		6780	5	[..]
Dead Men's Battery		855	2	[..]
Charges Diet paid Mr. Reade for June & July ..		16	—	—
Household Necessaries. paid for the furniture at the Garden house		560	—	—
Account Plate One Houster & Chellenger		159	29	[..]
	PAGS. ..	11879	2	[..]

STEWARD'S ACCOUNT CURRENT.

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Dr. 1747							Cr. 1747					
AUGST. 5	To Cash advanced me	..	..	..	500	— —	AUGUST 1ST.	By Ballance brought from last Month ..		874	9	56
6	To Cash ditto	..	..	..	500	— —	31	By Tobacco for 12 Candy at Pags. 15 ℔ Candy		180	—	—
24	To Cash ditto	..	..	..	1000	— —		By Wooley Sheep 30 @ 3 ℔ Pagoda ..		10	—	—
								By Country Do. 200 @ 4 ℔		50	—	—
								By Salt Fish 69,000 @ Fanams 9 ℔ hundred		172	18	—
								By Tamerin for 23 Candy @ Pags. 2½ ℔ Candy		57	18	—
								By Tranquebar Beef for 6 Casks qt. 3072 lb at 26 lb ℔ Pagoda		118	18	—
								By Tranquebar Pork for 6 Casks qt. 3072 lb at [..] Pagoda		181	27	—
								By [..] Dieting soldiers on board the Warwick		60	10	60
								By [Ditto] Ditto on board the Bombay Castle		70	8	55
								By Cheeses for 16 ℔ 380 lb		56	23	—
								By Vinegar for 200 Gallons @ Fans. 4 ℔ Gallon		22	8	—
								By Salt for 3 Garce @ Pags. 5 ℔ Garce ..		15	—	—
								By Charges Dieting the Bombay Military & Seapoys		604	2	50
								By Charges Dieting the Tellicherry Seapoys		318	22	40
								By Charges Cattle		19	26	—
								By Godown Rent & Cooley hire ..		15	—	—
								[..] Beef for 19 Casks qt. 9882 Pounds at [..] ½ ℔ lb		411	27	—
					2000	— —			Pags. ..	3238	3	21

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FROM NABOB NAUZIR JUNG TO THE COMMODORE OF THE ENGLISH MEN OF WAR RECEIV'D THE 6TH. JUNE 1747.

The Contents of your Letter explain'd to me that You had once wrote me before & that the French who possess'd Chinapatam are troublesome &c[a]. This was occasion'd by the Carelessness & Want of Dili[gence] of the Deputy of that Fort who notwithstanding he had a considerable Quantity of warlike Stores & other Implements & provisions enough [to] support against a Siege, surrender'd so strong a Fort & has been the occas[sion] of the universal Destruction Loss & Misfortune of the Inhabitants [in] General, He was the Cause of all the Merchants & other Tradesmen being plunder'd of all their Money & Effects, & the means of all the Disturbances; I never receivd the other Letter You spoke off, & as to what You wrote me that the above [mis]fortune had happened by Mahaph[...] Cawns neglecting to give [his assis]tance, I must inform You that [the] said Cawn was near the For [...]ne, & offer'd a Siege & Engageme[nt] But by Reason of the St[rength of] the Place, as well as your [not] sending any Assistance, & the [...]ence that had been made [...] of in some things, did not accomp[lish that] Design, & it was the Will [of] God Almighty, it is not [any] Ways owing to the Disregard of the brave Anawardean Cawn.

Now by the help of God Almighty's Blessings the victorious Ensigns of my most potent Army, which destroys all Enemys & advances the Beauty of Riches & Glory are marching towar[ds] the Kingdom of Carnatica for settling affairs there & as it is unalterably his Excellencys most just & lawful Sentiments, to do justice to the whole Empire by punishing the oppressors & protecting & aiding the oppressd, & is what I am also delightful in, I have now & once before wrote to my Friend Anawardean Cawn Behauder (who is worthy & trusty among the Servants) to cause that the lawful Proprietors are Righted & dispossess the Usurpers, & by the Almighty's Grace, the said Cawn Behauder will put the Orders in Execution, agreable to his Duty which requires him so to do.

You wrote me that the Arrival of your Ships are designed for War in General & that You will commence it, I must now desire You to give me an Account of the Force that You have on board every Ship, the Quantity of the Warlike Stores & other Implements you have on board every one of them for accomplishing the Business & whether by the Strength of these You are capable to resist & engage with them, & what Force the Enemy has got with them on shore & how much they have in their Ships on [...] for Engagement, Pray find out these things, & let me kn[ow them] very particularly, as also the Falsities of Sumpat Roy & [...]mud Hussain Jahier, which You complain'd of to me [...] begin upon any thing, consider beforehand what the [...]es of it will prove afterwards.

The Letter which You wrote to his [Excellen]cy my Father, I have forwarded to him & also rec[ommended to] him everything that was most necessary in your Favour [you] may be very easy in your Mind by all Means. Be[...] Duty of being a well Wisher & Benefactor to the Sire[...] me with the p[resen]t State of your Affairs particularly [...] that Incl[...] & Esteem will daily be adva[nced].

I now send Phyzulla P[...] being one [of those] that are acquainted with [...] Man of [...] & Mahamud [...]ge, Serv[...] of the [...] to learn some Affairs from You, [...] inform them of all your Affairs particularly [...]tention what [...]ey shall inform You from [...] accordingly.

N.B. The Same to the Governour.

FROM NABOB NIZAM ALMULUCK BEHAUDER A[...]

COMMODORE GRIFFIN RECEIVD THE 21ST. JUNE 1747.

I receivd the Letter which [...] serv'd the Violences & Hostilities committed by [...] on, & all their Disturbances in a particular [...] wrote to Anawardean

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Cawn Behauder, & laid [...] on him, to chastize the French, recover Chinapatam [...] Protection & Assistance to the Governour of Tevenep[atam] as He can & so You may assure yourself that I am [in your fa]vour & let me hear of your Welfare.

What can I [say more].

FROM NABOB NIZAM ALMULUCK TO JOHN HINDE [GOVERNOUR].

The same as He wrote to Co[mmodore Grif]fin only adding at the End, " Be very strict in you[r] [...]ence & let me hear of your Welfare.

FROM NABOB NAUZIR JUNG TO COMMODORE GRIFFIN.

I have sometime ago forwarded your Letter to his Excellency & according to your Request I recommended to him very particularly, that You are very Obedient, Serviceable & profitable Persons to the Sircar; that You have Right on your Side & that the French are very violent & unjust, & I think God, that by his Blessing, all & whatever I had wrote to him was very well approv'd & his Excellency was graciously pleas'd to send You his Answer with a Letter to Anawardean Cawn Behauder, wherein He positively commands him to help & assist You & chastize the French; which you may send to him by such as you can trust with it. Now in Consideration of [the] Favours (which will Yield & produce Benefit to You in ev[...]it) & my representing your Affairs to his Excellency [you mu]st be so serviceable as to sen[d] me a most suitable [...] that may encourage me to help you or recommend your affairs for the future.

Postscript.

You [must] observe the Quality of my favour & serve me as a Well Wisher that may produce You the Benefit of it

N.B. The same to the Governour.

TRANSLATE of a Bond in the Persian Language dated Moon Jamadalevel the 4. Hegra 1160.

WE SHAIK ALLY RAGONADA SING CANNOO ROY & JAMAGAYA Servants to M^{r}. John Hinde the Gov^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. David, do hereby acknowledge to have received of Phayasulla Beag & Nagee Mahomed Ally Merchants the Sum of 1000 Chinapatam Pagodas in Order to pay the Sircar Muttaseddee their Fees which We accordingly paid & We do hereby give our Word to receive the said Sum from the Gov^{r}. as soon as We arrive at Fort S^{t}. David & pay it to the said Merchants without Delay.

N.B. The abovementioned Persons have set their Marks to the Original.

THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S CASH.

Dr. 1747						Cr. 1747					
AUGUST 1st.	To Ballance from last Month					AUGUST 5	By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanc'd him for Disbursmts.				
	in Pags. ..	18556	„	„			in Pags.	2000	—	—	
	in fans. ..	2060	14	„			in fans.	1000	—	—	
					20626 14 —						3000 — —
4th.	To Profit & Loss gain'd by Exchange of 2000 Pags. into Fanams at 40, 10 ₱ Pagoda				229 6 —	6	By John Smith Steward advanc'd him to procure Provisions for the Garrison ..				1000 — —
12	To Edward Croke Wareho:keepr. recd of him in A Rs. 4966½ @ 340 ₱ % ..				1460 26 39	12	By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanc'd him for Disbursements in Arcot Rupees 2380 @ 340 ₱ 100 Pagodas ..				700 — —
20	To Ditto Ditto, rec'd of him in A Rs. 3784 @ 344 ₱ % .. Ps. 1100		—	—		13	By Packala Rownapa advanc'd him for Account of Redwood				20 — —
	To Ditto Ditto rec'd of him 6216 @ 340.. ..	1828	8	38		14	By Nella Cunda Vencatty Putty ₱ Condapah advanc'd them for Account of Madrass Chints				300 — —
	A : Rups. 10000 amounting to Pagodas.				2928 8 38	17	By Utensils for the Mint paid for the Purchase of Auqa fortis				695 27 —
	To Edwd : Croke Wareho.kr. recd of him A Rs. 28631 @ 344 ₱ % Pagodas ..				8332 34 60		By Alexr. Wynch Paymaster advanc'd him for Disbursements—				
21	To Ditto Ditto recd of him 34400 @ 344.				10000 — —		in Pagodas ..	2500	—	—	
	To Ditto recd of him .. .. .. 3840 @ 344				1116 1 [..]		in fanams ..	1500	—	—	
27	To Ditto Ditto recd of him .. .. 10320 @ 344				3000 — —						4000 — —
	To Profit & Loss gained by [..] change of 1000 Pagodas into Fans. @ 40 20 ₱ Pagoda..				118 — [..]	19	By Account Presents paid Capt. Byers &ca. Officers of Brilliant Snow				500 0 0
							By Capt. John Byers advanc'd him fo[..] of Brilliant Snow 650 Rupees @ 340 ₱ % Pagodas				191 6 2[3]

THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

Dr. 1747							Cr. 1747					
ATGUST 31	To Charles Floyer Mint [Master re] c'd of him in full of his Ballance for last Month [in] Mads. Pagods. 31 @ 11 ℔ Ct. ..	Ps. 34	14	61			AUGUST 24	By John Smith Steward advanc'd him [to procure] provisions for the Garrison in [Pagod]as. 400 — — in Arct. Rups. 204 @ 340 ℔ % .. 600 — —			1000	—	—
	Star Pagods. ..	96	9	76				By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper [advanc'd] him for Disbursements ..			1000	—	—
					130	24 [..]		[By A]lexr. Wynch Paymaster advanc[d] [him] for Disbursmts. in Pags. .. 1500 — — in fans. .. 500 — —			2000	—	—
	To William Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore receivd of him in part of his last Months ballance.. in Pags.	217	—	—				[By] Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanc'd him for Disbursements ..			2000	—	—
	in fans.	9	18	[..]				[By] Charges extraordinary paid Mr. Sloper for sundry Disbursements [at] Pulacat			50	—	—
					[..]	[..] [..]		[By] Alexander Wynch Paymaster advan'd him for Charges Garrison &ct. in Pagodas .. 4500 — — in fanams .. 1000 — —			5500	—	—
	To William Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore rec'd of him in [full] of his last Month's Ballance in Pags. ..	23	—	—				[By] Ditto Ditto advanc'd him to pay Bombay Soldiers & new [..] this Month.			3064	23	71
	in fans.	53	25	50									
					[..]	[..] [..]		Carried over ..			25661	21	19
	To Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea & Land Customer of Tevenepatam rec'd of him in full of his last Months Ballance in Pags.	92	—	—									
	in fans.	8	33	22									
					[..]	[..] [..]							

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Dr.					1747					Cr.			
1747													
AUGUST 31	To Edwd. Croke Wareho.kr. recd of him in part of his last Months Ba[llance]	[..]	[..]	[..]	AUGUST 24	[By] Ballance carried forward in Pagodas ..	27902	—	—	Brought over ..	25661	21	19
	To Sadasheverow Bound Renter receiv'd of him for 3 Months Rent due the 1st. April last	[..]	[..]	[..]		in fanams ..	3106	14	50		31008	14	50
	To Irshapah Chitty & Persham Chitty Beetle & Tobacco Farmers recd of them for 3 Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. May last..	[..]3	[..]	[..]									
	To Profit & Loss gain'd by the Exchange of 1500 Pagodas into Fanams @ 39 ₱ Pagoda.. ..	120	[..]	[..]									
	Pags. ..	56669	[35]	[69]						Pags. ..	56669	35	6 9

ERRO[RS EXCEPTED].

[CH]ARLES FFLOYER.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR. WEDNESDAY THE 2D.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Genl. Lre to Fort Marlbro by the Pss. Augusta read & Sign'd.

The Ship Princess Augusta being laden with as many of the Hoñble Company's Bales as she Can take in and our General to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort Marlbro being drawn out the same is now read & signed together with a Couple of [letters] to the Commanders of any of the outward bound [...] of the Tenour of that enter'd hereafter, & [the] Packe[ts enclo]sed, sailing Orders are drawn out for Captain Jacobs [...] thereof annexed to this Consultation.

Present made the Capt: & Officers in lieu of their Priviledge.

As these Dispatches require the [greatest] Privacy lest the Enemy should get knowledge of it & [...] her in the [...] Board have thought necessary not [to let] the Command [kn]ow where He is bound till suc[...] to sea & then to open his Orders, & proceed according[ly This] Method preventing the Captain & Officers from [...] Priviledge as usually allowed them; In consideration [...] Sum of five hundred 500 Pagodas is AGREED to be g[iven them as] was before given Capt. Byers and his Officers on [...].

Pss. Augusta to be returnd here with a Loading of Timber and Plank.

There being great Want of [Timber] at this Place for several Uses, The board have [AGREED] to direct in their foregoing Letter to Fort Ma[rlbro] Princess Augusta has deliver'd her Bales, tha[t...] board her one Chest of Treasure on the Hoñble [Company] & send her to Batavia with orders to the Comma[nder...] her a Loading of Arrack, Timber & Plank, & the[n return to] this Coast with the utmost Expedition, also if [any of the Com]pany's Coast & Bay Ships should arrive with-[in the] bound that they order them to repair hither immediately.

W. ho. kr. pays money into Cash.

The Governour acquaints the Board that Mr. Edward Croke Warehousekeeper paid into Cash on the 1st. Instant twenty thousand (20,000) Rupees amounting to, five thousand, eight hundred & thirteen Pagodas, Thirty four fanams & twenty seven Cash (5813. 34. 27).

Paymr. advanced.

The Paymaster desiring to be advanced two thousand (2000) Pagodas for Disbursements the same is Order'd to be paid him &

Storekr. advanc'd.

The Storekeeper requesting the sum of fifteen hundred 1500 Pagodas on the like Account the same is likewise Order'd him.

[Ma]drass Boatmen [adva]nced

Atch[...]h &ca. Madrass Boatmen requiring to be paid another [hundred] 100 Pagodas for the Repair of their Boats the same is [paid them].

[Paymaster or]der'd to [hire a ho]use in [Cuddalore for the sick]

Mr. [...] Belsches Surgeon represent[ing] the Want of a convenient [place for] the Accommodation of the si[ck] People belonging to the Garrison & at the same time recomm[end]ing a certain House in Cuddalore to be the most proper for that Purpose, AGREED that [the] same be hir'd & that the Paymaster do make it convenient for them.

[...]le, [...]t. [...]tn.

The Governour & Gentlemen Officers of the Garrison having been to take a view of the Points in Tevenepatam & to consider of what is necessary to be done for the Security of them, in consequence of the Council of War on the 19 July, & their Opinion being to make a Battery with fascines at the North West End of Tevenepatam with a Trench round it & a Breast Work &ca. also that another Trench & Breast Work be made round Patcheree Point, & the sand Hills Levelled so as to serve for a Glacis. The Paymaster is now Ordered to set about the Same, & as the Guard Rooms at the several Points are found out sufficient for the Men that are

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posted at them, & besides several of them being very bad & many sheds being wanted in Tevenepatam for the Peons to live in AGREED that He make such Places as are thought necessary for them.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW : CROKE.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

[To] CAPT. EDWARD JACOB
[COM]MANDER OF SHIP
PRINCESS [AUGUS]TA.

SIR,

You are hereby order'd to weigh an[chor &] stand out to [be as] near as You can to the South East [& after] some Hours [stay y]ou are to open our Packet to [you in the] Presence of your Officer & not before.

For further Orders We refer [you to those] You will receive from the Governour & We direct [you to com]ply with them. We are

SIR,
Your most humble [Servants]
CHARLES FL[OYER].
EDWARD CRO[KE].
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYN[CH].
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun*[r.]

[To COMMAN]DERS OF ANY OF THE COMPANY'S SHIPS
[PROCEEDING] TO COAST & BAY, THAT MAY
[COME TO] MARLBRO OR UPON THE WEST COAST.

SIR,

Upon Receipt of this You are hereby order'd to make the best of your Way to this Coast first calling at Galle or Trancomalay Bay where proper Orders will be lodged for your farther Proceeding, You are strictly enjoyned to comply with this our Order as You will answer the same to our Honble Masters. Dated in Fort St. David this 2d. Day of September 1747.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr*

His Majesty's Squadron an[chor'd in the] Road from the Southward.
The [ship] Jenny Andrew [Com]mander & Ship, William, Willm. M[ackie Com]mander. } arrived from Bengall.
A Dutch Ship from [...] anchor'd in the Road.

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AT A CONSULTATION MONDAY THE 14TH.

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.

EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.

ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

General Letters No. 62, 63, 64 read, the former from Tellicherry advising that they had sent two proper Persons to Pullicatacherry & Ponda with a Commission to get Bills in our favour on Arcot for the Sum of sixty two thousand 62,000 Rupees that being pretty near the amount of the eight Chests of Foreign Silver We desired & that in a Day or two they shall dispatch another Subidar with 129 more Seepoys to our Assistance, The other two Letters from the Chief & Council of Bengall by the Ships Jenny & William, advising of their having contracted with the Owners for their Cargoes of Rice to be deli[ver]ed here at the Rate of 100 Pagodas ℔ Madrass Garce & enclosing Invoyce of Gunneys sent us by the Jenny.

Genl. Lres from Fort Marlbro ℔ Sloop Success.

The Sloop Success arriving yesterday from the West Coast in lieu of the Sloop Fanny dispatch'd thither in May last, The Board having receiv'd by [...] of Generals from the Governour & Council of [Fort Marlbro] as Enter'd No. 65 & 66, in which they set forth so [many] Complaint in the several Articles sent them by [...] & Fanny Sloop, most of which being greatly da[maged & un]fit for their Use, & mentioning the Endeavours [...] of to learn the Cause of it imagining it might h[ave happ]ened by the Carelesness of the Stowage on board, but [not be]ing declar'd they were in the like Condition wh[en sending] them, They seem inclinable to believe it to be the [...] recommend it to our farther Inspection, They [...] of having sen[t Mr.] Massey to reside at Batavia [...]gence & tha[...] had return'd the Fanny Sloop [on the] 17 July w[ith a qu]antity of Iro[n] brought out [...] at Madr[ass] enclos'd Invoy[ce] thereof, but [...] She came [on] the 24 in a very leaky cond[ition...] Capacity to [proceed on] the Voyage upon which [...] to be conducted [...]oloo Bay, & that We sho[...] of Advices from [...] by this Accident, They th[...] transport the Iron She had on board the Sloop [Success] with the Master & People belonging to the Fa[nny & take her] to us with such advices as they had prepar[ed] & in the mean time to cause the Fanny to be [in readi]ness to send to us on any necessary occasion.

The Boards Remarks on the foregoing Lres.

The Board being somewhat [...re]mark the general Disapproval of the Supplies sent to the [...] as mention'd in the foregoing Advices from them, Enquiry [is] now made into the same, Upon which the Warehousekeeper [states] that the Rice was Part of the Ship Phaza Salam's Cargo [...] the best then procurable & as a Proof that there could [...]sition of the Conicoplys He farther avers that the same [was ne]-ver ashore, but transported on board from one Ship to the [other] so that it was impossible any tricks could be play'd with [them] Though it is true We have learn'd Since that it was not [the] sort of Rice esteem'd by them. The Storekeeper likewise Affirms that the Ghee had been imported here from the Northward not above two Months before & was then allow'd by every one that saw it to be fresh & good, as for the Gunney Bags they were bought out of the Bengall Ships that Season ready made, & it is probable some of them might have been us'd, nevertheless they were pretty good & as they turn'd out cheaper than new ones It was thought they might serve their Purposes The Board being convinc'd of the truth hereof cannot but conclude they receiv'd a great deal of Damage in the Passage occasion'd by the Leakage of the Vessel as well as by the Ratt[s] & Vermin on board [o]therwise they could not have app[ear]ed so rejectable as [the Gentl]emen at Fort Marlbro insin[u]ate nevertheless as [...]ow given to understand the So[...] & Qualities they ap[...] which We were before ignora[nt] of [...] Agreed tha[...] taken that all future Supp[lies] do consist accordingly [so that] there may be no Room for the Master or Commander [to] free himself of the Blame by an[y] such Pretences [...] see before us, It is now given fo[r] a Standing Order [that wh]atever Articles may be sent [for] the time to come be first Survey'd by the Master on Shore & that He deliver in a Report in writing of the Condition of his Cargo before He sails also that the Secretary do serve him with an Order of Council for the said Purpo[se].

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[Ord] er'd to [prepare 500 do] llars worth [of famous & cash] to be sent [. . .] ast.

The Governour & Council of Fort Marlbro indenting in their foregoing Letter for a Quantity of Fanams & Cash to the amount of four thousand five hundred (4500) Dollars, AGREED that an Order be given the Assay master to prepare them in readiness for to send by the next Opportunity.

[W. Keepr. pays mo]ney into [cash].

The Governour acquaints the Board that the Warehousekeeper paid into Cash on the 4th., 7th. & 12th. Instant the Sum of forty nine thousand, three hundred [&] fifty (49350) Rupees as ℔ Cash Account now produce[d].

Bills of Exchange drawn on Bengall in favour of Mr. John Haman.

Mr. John Haman offering to pay [into] the Company's Cash the Sum of eight thousand, five [hundred] 8500 Rupees for a Bill of Exchange on Bengall Pres[idency] the same was receiv'd on the 10th. Instant & Bills given accordingly.

Storekr. order'd to land the Iron from the Sloop Success.

ORDERED that the Storekeeper do [land] the Iron from the Sloop Success & that He lodge the sam[e at] Cuddalore.

Sloop Success agreed to be dispatch'd to Bencoolen again.

AGREED that the Said Sloop be dis[patched] back again to Bencoolen with all Expedition & Order'd [that the] Storekeeper do lade on her as much Salt as She can ta[ke] as likewise twenty Jars of the best Ghee procurable, & th[at the] Secretary do [serve] the Master with an Order to survey the [ship] before it be [dispatched] The remaining Part of the Indent is p[...] to be sen[at anoth]er Opportunity.

Mr. Edwd. Croke presents a Letter to the board.

Mr. Edward Croke presents a Letter [to the] Board settin[g forth] the Valuation that has been ma[de on] three House[s that] have been lately levelled with th[at] of other B[uildings all] of which being valued at four [thousand] 40[00] Pago[das it] being convenient to him to receiv[e the a]mount in Bengall as his Family is now going [thi]ther, that the Board will be pleas'd to grant hi[m a bill on] the President & Council there for the like Sum, [by which me]thod his Occasions will be answer'd without an[...] the present & necessary Charges of this Garrison [...]ing this Request into Consideration have no [objection] to it but the Probability of giving a Precedent [...] for making the same propositions, for which Reaso[n it] is judged not proper to comply with it, He is therefore des[ired to wait] 'till such time We have a Sufficiency of Cash to discharg[e] such Demands & Order'd that his said Letter be enterd [hereaf]ter.

Gl. Lres from Bengall.

General Letters No. 67 & 68 [...] which from Bengall, promising to discharge ou[r] Bills in favour of the Owners of the Ships Pri[ncess] Jenny & Fort St. George & that they have receiv'd [...] sent by the Jenny, which Ship having put by the Port of Vizagapatam by Stress of Weather, they have caus'd the Treasure We put on board for Vizagapatam to be landed with them, with intentions to forward it thither by the first Opportunity, also advising that they are in equal Expectation with us for the arrival of some of our Honble Masters Ships that they may receive a Supply of Money which at Present is so scarce with them that they have not sufficient for their own necessary Expences, they therefore repeat their desire that if any of the outward bound Shipping should call at this Place, that We sent them all the Money We can [possib]ly spare otherwise the Companys Investment must su[...]tly with them, That they will comply with our de[...]pplying the West Coast with the Stores they inde[nt on] a Ship designed to sail the [...] in August, That th[...]orry to understand the weak Situation of our Garr[...] represented to th[...] in our General of the 13[...] Consideration thereof they hav[e] come to a Resolut[ion] of sending the Ship Princess of Wales to us, with the Stores We wrote for & as many of their Military as they can engage to proceed on her, & that the private Trade by the Phaza Salam has been safely landed with them.

[Genl. Lre.] from Negapatm.

General Letter from the Governour & Council of Negapatam is now read as enter'd No. 69 in answer to the Request made them some days past for the levelling

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of their Factory in Tevenepatam, to which they reply, they can by no means give their Consent to an Affair of that Importance without an especial Order first had from their high Superiours at Batavia, adding that they cannot imagine or believe that the French will offer to make any unju[st] Use of the said Factory but that should they entertain any such Design they promise to take all proper Methods to prevent it & therefore desire that We will insist no farther about it.

Genl. Lres to Tellicherry, Ingeram, Vizagapatam, Maddepollam & Ganjam.

Gen[l]. Letters to Tellicherry, Ingera[m] [Viza]gapatam Maddepollam & Ganjam are now read [...] N°. 59, 60, 61, 62, & 63.

Genl. Lre to Bengall p Warwick.

The Warwick having taken in [the re]maining Bales on Hand & the Commodore having [...] his Majesty's Ship Lively to proceed for Bengall, It [being] proper to take the Opportunity of sending the Warwic[k] [...] her Convoy, accordingly She sail'd hence yesterday & our General to the President & Council of Fort William enter'd N°. 64 advising of having laden on her 411 B[ales of] Calicoes, on our Honble Masters Account in order to [...]ed to Europe by any returning Ships from their Place [...] part of th[...] was brown, if it cou'd be cur'd with [...] We belie[ve wou]ld be more acceptable to our Honble [Mas]ters to [be sent] in that Manner, that We fear'd [it would] not be [prop]er to forward them the Redwood this [...] & recom[...] that if any of the Company's Ships [should] arrive [there] to lose no time in forwarding to [...] Military [...] may be on them design'd for Ma[dras] Presidency [which] are particularly necessary at [this time] That We had detain'd the Cotton design'd the [...] Bombay being informed they will be a great Secur[...] Buildings in case of a Bombardment by placing [them on] the Terrasses which We had caus'd to be done with th[...] that We had drawn on their Honour &c[a] for nine th[ousand] One hundred & eighty (9180) Current Rupees in favour [of] John Haman or Order, which We requested their Hon[our &c[a].] to comply with.

Paymr. advanc'd.

The Paymaster requesting to [be advanced] two thousand five hundred /2500/ Pagodas for Disb[ursement] ORDERED that the same be paid him.

Two more Horses bought.

Two more good Horses offering [for sale] AGREED that the same be purchas'd for one hu[ndred] Pagodas each.

A Godown order'd to be built behind the Dutch Factory for the Security [, . .] some Grain.

It being thought that the [quanti]ty of grain that there is of the Company's [...] may be a Temptation to our Enemys, who We have gre[at] Reason to believe begin to want, ORDERED that a Godo [wn be] built behind the Dutch Factory to secure a Quanti[ty] as We may want it for the Peons &c[a]. & have not Room [for] any more in the Fort.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
A[R]. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE. [*Jun[r].*]

[To] THE WORSH[L]. CHARLES FLOYER ESQ[R].
[GOVE]RNOUR OF FORT S[T]. DAVID &C[A]. COUNCIL.

WORSH[L]. [SIR & SIRS]

[We] take Liberty to remind You [that] You were pleas'd [to demolish] three Houses, two of wh[ich] have been some ti[...] pu[...] and my present D[...] begun upon the whole You [have] thought proper to valu[e] Pag[s]. 4000 for which Sum as my Family are now going [to Ben]gall I must desire You to give me Bills on the Governo[ur] & Council there, which as it will suit my Conveniency [...] will it

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be no Hindrance in carrying on the present nec[essa]ry Charges of the Garrison, therefore I hope your Worship &c. will take it into Consideration to comply with my Req[uest]. I am with Respect,

WORSHL. SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient hble Servt.
EDWARD CROKE.

[FORT ST.] DAVID
[...] SEPTEMBER 1747.

[...] A Dutch Ship sail'd out of the Road to the So.ward.
[...] His Majesty's Squadron sail'd out of the Road & anchord in Pondi-
[...] [cher]ry Road.
His Majestys Squadron saild out of Pondicherry Road to the No.ward.

WEDNESDAY 23d.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, [*Junr.*].

[sail]ing orders deliver'd [to Capn.] Tedd with a

The Governour informing the Bo[ard that] the Commodore will shortly discharge the Ilchester from [the] Service of the Squadron as She is but weakly mann'd & the [Pre]sident & Council of Bombay having recommended (if We had [any] other use for her) to send her to Anjengo in order to be loaded [for] Europe, It was AGREED to dispose of her accordingly sailing [orders] were therefore [orde]red to be prepar'd & deliver'd the Command[er] for that P[urpose wi]th private directions not to open them [...] such tim[...] [d]ischarg'd from the King's Service Copy [of the] dispatch [ent]er'd hereafter, & a General drawn out [& sent] to the Ch[ief and Fact]ors at Anjengo to advise hereof, & to en[close a] Copy of [their] order as ☞ Particulars in the Letters [...] No. 66 [...].

Lre to Anjenjo.

Lres from Tellichr[ry] & Ingeram.

General Letters from Tellicherry, & [Ingeram] [e]nterd No. 70, 71, 72, 73, Those from Tellicherry advis[e] that they had forwarded to us the farther Detachment [of Sea]poys they mention'd in their last, having advanc'd them [one] Months Pay & one Months Diet, That they should [pay] to the Familys of the Seapoys, agreable to the List We [sent] them, & signifying more fully the Terms of their Agree[ment] with them, & farther informing us that their Superiours [at] Bombay, having no opportunity of supplying them [in] full a Sum of Money as their Occasions require have [obliged] them to keep the eight Chests of Foreign Silver We wro[te of] for their own use upon which they had dispatch'd a [letter] to Pulicatacherry to impede the Negotiation they [...] foot for remitting us the same, they nevertheless ass[ure] of all the Assistance in their Power upon any far[ther no]tice of our Necessities. Those from Ingeram inclos[ed copy] of a former, and advising that the French Boat We were apprehensive off arriv'd at Yanam & brought Monsr. Du Preminel & 26 Europeans who all embark'd on board a small Sloop, after having Shifted what was on board the Boat & is suppos'd to have proceeded for the Bay.

Sloop Success put under [ ] Commodore's orders.

After our Determination in last Consultation to return the Sloop Success immediately to Bencoolen the Commodore having intimated to the Govr. that She would be of service to him for a Present occasion, An Order was accordingly given the Master to follow his Direction, Copy of which is enter'd hereafter.

[Wareho. kr.] pays money into cash

The Warehousekeeper pays into Cash on the 15 Instant th[e sum] of twenty thousand 20,000 A R amounting to five th[ousand] eight hundred & thirteen Pago[das] thirty four fanams, & [twenty se]ven Cash (5813 34 27).

L in ga Chitty pays mo[ne]y into Cash.

[Linga Ch]itty pays into Cash on the [...] Instant five thousand [...] Pagodas in further part for Broad Cloth sold him.

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[A letter] from Cap[t]. Thomas Br[owne] of the Bombay Castle [...] Misbehaviour of h[is] Chief Mate & requiring Redress, which bieng had in Consideration an Answer was sent him, to desire him & his Mate to come ashore that We might make due Examination into the same, but Cap[t]. Browne excusing himself from co[m]ing being ill of the Gout, We were not able to pass our Judgment concerning it & therefore return'd the Mate on board, in hopes that the Affair might be accommodated, ORDER'D that his Letter together with our Answer be enter'd hereafter. Letter from Ca[pt. Thomas] Browne read [and] the Board's ans[wer] thereto.

The Steward requesting to be advanc'd the Sum of two thousand (2000) Pagodas for Disbursment[s] the same was paid him the 19 Instant. Steward advanc'd

Also the Storekeeper having occas[ion] for the Sum of eighteen Hundred & twenty 1820 Rupees th[e same] was likewise paid him that Day. [Store keeper adv]anced.

Captain John Tedd of the Ilchester before his Departure having requested to pay into the Compy the Sum of seven hundred 700 Pagodas the same was receiv'd & Certificates granted him as usual. [Capt. Ted]d pays [into] Cash.

Several Persons offering to pay mon[ey] into the Honble Companys Cash for Bills of Exchange o[n] Bengall Presidency the same is accepted & Bills granted as follows. Bills drawn on Bengall in fav[r]. of Sundry Persons.

One Bill in favour of Gov[r]. Forster for Pag[s]. 1125. 11. 54 amounting to 3781 Rupees.

One D[o]. in favour of Ditto for Pag[s]. 1744. 6. 56 am[tg]. to A R. 6000

One D[o]. in favour of M[r]. Purple Perry Templer for P[s]. 3000 1032[...]

One D[o]. in favour of Mess[rs]. [F]ytch Burrows for P[s]. 872. 3. 28 300[...]

One D[o]. in favour of M[r]. Christ[r]. Cradock for Pag[s]. 872. 3. 28 300[...]

Cap[t]. Thomas Andrews offering to pay [into] Cash the [sum of] one thousand 1000 A. R[s]. for a Bill of Exch[ange] on Bom[bay Presid]ency, the same is receiv'd & Bills granted in favou[r of Captain] Samuel Hough or Order accordingly. Bills drawn on Bombay in fav[r]. of Cap[t]. Sam[l]. Hough.

Letter from M[r]. Samuel Affleck rea[d and] enter'd [hereafter]. [Letter fr]om M[r]. Samuel Affleck read.

The Paymaster having prepar'd a[...] in [... for] the keeping of the Co[mp]any's Rice [...] of last Consultation, an [Order] is now serv'd [the Wa]rehousekeeper to remove all the Rice [from] Cuddalore to this Side as fast as possible, Copy of which is en[te]rd hereafter. [Wareh]o[k]r. ordere'd to remove [all] the Rice from Cuddalore.

Another good Horse offering for Sale at sixty 60 Pagodas, the same is Order'd to be purchasd. Another Horse bought.

The Paymaster requiring to be advancd One thousand 1000 Pagodas for Disbursements the same is Order'd to be paid him. Paym[r] advanc'd

The Jenny & William being now on their Return to Bengall, A General is AGREED to be wrote by them to signify the Receipt of their favour under the 7[th]. & 9[th]. July, & that We are concern'd for the Circumstance of th[e] Jenny's passing Vizagapatam as the Money We [had put] on board her for the Use of the Northern Factories [...] wanted by them, & therefore recommending to the [use of] them such part thereof as they can possibly spar[e at the] first Opportunity; That We are extremely concern'd to read of their pressing Necessitys & Wish We had in our Power to supply them, That We thank them for their Intentions to comply with the West Coast Indent & are glad to observe that they have taken into Consideration the weak Condition of this Garrison & that they have been thereby induc'd to send us a Reinforcement of Men & Supply of Stores, but that neither the Princess of Wales nor any of the Shipping from their Place is yet arriv'd with us excepting the Jenny & William That those Ships having deliver'd their Rice Cargoes they now return again by whom We have drawn on them in favour of the Separate O[wners for] the amounts of their said Cargo[es] agreable to the Term[s of the] Contracts, likewise Lre to Bengall.

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advising of the several Draughts [...] made on them for Money receiv'd into our Cash [...] of the several Persons beforemen[tiond] & requesting [...] [C]ompliance thereto. That [We are] sorry for the inconven[iences] they apprehend from the Mo[rat]toes & hope to hear [...] Removal, That We have sent them by the [...] the Broad Cloth & Perpets receivd from the Britannia [does] not suit with our Market as ℔ Invoyce & Bill of Lading enclosed, the Freight whereof is reserv'd to their Honour &c^{a}. also inclosing Indents for such Wares & Stores as are most Particularly wanted by the next Season's Shipping.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
W. HOLT.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}*.

To CAP^{T}. JOHN TEDD
COMMANDER OF SHIP ILCHESTER.

SIR,

Upon Commodore Griffin's quitting You from his Majesty's Service You are hereby Order'd directly to [make] the best of your Way to Gallee where when arriv'd You m[ust] as soon as possible by Boat or Cattemaran send to the [Chief] & Factors at Anjengo to acquaint them of your Arriv[al] there & to desire them to send you Orders for your futu[re] Proceedings, Remember to forward the enclos'd Letter & ad[vise] of any news You may hear and the Situation of the Company's Affairs [on] this Coast to the best of your Knowledge.

We are [ ]
Your most humble Servants

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
THE 19TH. SEPT^{R}. 1747.

CHARLES FFLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER [WYNCH].
THOMAS COO[KE], *Jun^{r}*.

To RICHARD BOURCHIER [ES]Q^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN,

Upon the Ilchester's Arrival her[e] under the Direction of Commodore Griffin [...] to Trancomalay Bay to refit, The Captain re[porting it to] be in a leaky Condition, & She being now of no [further in] the Service of his Majesty's Squadron, by reaso[n of being] weakly mann'd, & We having no Goods to put [on board] her here, agreable to the Directions receivd from [the President] & Council of Bombay in such Case, We send this [ship] to be filled up for Europe or otherwise to be dispos'd [of as you] think best for our Honble Masters Advantage [and Se]curity We have Order'd Cap^{t}. Tedd to make the [best] Way for Galle, & immediately to advise You of [his arrival] there upon Receipt of which We desire You will send him proper Directions, He forwards this Letter to You & a Copy of our Orders to him comes enclos'd.

We are
GENTLEMEN,
Your most humble Servants

[FORT] S^{T}. DAVID.
19 SEPTEMB^{R}. 1747.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}*.

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[To Cap]tain Robert Hamilton
[Comm]ander of Sloop Success.

Sir,

We ha[ve agreed] to a Resolution to spare [a] Vessel to assist in [the serv]ice of his Majestys Sq[uadron] You are hereby d[irected to follow] all such Orders as [you] may from Time [to time receive] [fr]om Commodore Griffin. Dated in Fort [St. David ... day] of September 1747.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

[*India Office Typescripts.*]

To the Worshipful Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governor &c. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipful Sir and Sirs

Being under the most absolute necessity that I am sorry that I must acquaint You, I cannot any longer bear the ill Behaviour of my Chief Mate Mr. John Widdrington, whom I was obliged to confine to his cabbin for several Acts of Mutiny committed by him on the 15th instant between the hours of 9 and 11 at night, and the next morning between 6 and 7—Which was as follows:

As I lay in my Bed hearing myself abused by him in the Grossest manner, and call'd Scoundrel and Rascal several times, I gott up, called for a Candle and Lanthorn, and went down into the Great Cabbin with the Officer of the Watch, and asked him how He durst abuse his Commander in the manner He did, and order'd him immediately to his Cabbin, upon which He had the Assurance to ask Me what Business I had there, and refused to go, whereupon I order'd some of my People to lay hold on him and put him into his Cabbin, but he resisted them, and it was as much as 4 or 5 of them could do to prevent his laying hold of Me, threatning Me with Death and Vengeance, and challenged Me &ct. accompanied with all the names He could think of; However We got him in at last, and soon after He got half out of his Scuttle with an Intention to murder Me as He threatned, till the Centrys swore they would cut him down if He did not gett back again. The Pistols were taken from him in the Cabbin, but were not loaded.

The next morning as the People were washing the Steerage, He began to tell them, He loved Seamen as He did his Life, and would always stand by them, and hoped that they would do the Same by him, for that He had not Robbed or thieved and knew no Authority Captain Browne had to confine him, but supposed I had done so because He stood by them, and would not beat or abuse them, or suffer them to be used ill, or Words to that Effect.

The preceding night being in Liquor (as was customary with him almost every night) He commenced a Quarrel with an unfortunate Brother I have on board, without any manner of Provocation from him, telling him I brought him to be a Spy on his Actions, and that He and I were both Scoundrels and Rascalls, and He a Telltale Scoundrel and that He wondered the Company would trust the Ship with such a Gouty Wretch as Capt. Browne, especially after losing them a Ship &ct. which last Expression He has often repeated to some of my Officers, but I never took any notice of it.

I beg leave further to observe to You, that scarce two hours before He had so abused Me behind My Back He and I satt down on the Quarter Deck, and discoursed together for near an hour, the Subject of which was chiefly, that He was extreamly sorry I should give myself any Trouble in regard to the Affairs of the

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Ship, since I had very good Officers whom I might entirely depend on, and as for his own part He would run thro' Fire and Water to serve Me, with fulsome Compliments and Praises of my Knowledge and good Conduct &ct. except in One thing, which was my being too complaisant to the Governor and Councill, who, He insisted had no Power or Authority to detain or put the Ship in Warfare under the Commodore, and had it been his Case he would not comply with it &ct. But knowing the man's insincerity I soon saw what He aimed at under the disguise of Friendship in desireing Me not to fatigue myself with the Ship's affairs, least it should impair my health, but leave it to him: it being obvious to any One that He only wanted the Power in order to make an ill use of it, if Opportunity offer'd.

It is needless to take up more of your Time in mentioning other Circumstances, such as his Beating and abusing several of my Officers and Servants, and threatning at other Times (when drunk) to put my 2d. and 3rd Mates in Irons with other Actions displeasing to Me, which I can no longer bear. And even could I put up with his Mutinies (according to the Articles of War and several Acts of Parliament) I must not expect to carry home half of my People, should We go to a Place where they possibly could gett away, which as in Duty bound for the interest of the Honble. Company and my Owners, I am to prevent, and therefore apply to you and Council for your Orders herein, and if You find I have just Reason for dismissing my Chief Mate, Mr. John Widdrington, I beg the favour I may wait on You with my Second Mate Mr. Joseph Bustoll and 3d. Mate, Mr. Nevil Norway for your Approbation to be my Chief and Second Mates, who are both as Capable Men to take Charge of One of the Company's Ships as any I ever knew: They were both Strangers to Me, having never seen or heard of them till I began to take in the Company's Goods on board this Ship at Deptford, so that I can have no other View than the Peace, Safety, and good Government of the Ship I am entrusted with: And as to the truth of the above facts a great number of my People can prove them to You if necessary, and am the more surprized at this usage from Mr. Widdrington, having all the voyage treated him rather as a Friend and Companion than my Chief Mate.

As I hear We are to sail in 2 or 3 days I have now only to beg a Single Line from You, which will add to the many Obligations already conferred on.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obliged and Obedient
humble Servant
THOMAS BROWNE.

SHIP BOMBAY CASTLE
IN FORT ST. DAVID'S ROAD,
18 SEPR. 1747.

P.S. I should have troubled You sooner, but Mr. Widdrington talked of having a Court Martial but suppose thought better of it with Reason, which would have prevented you this Trouble.

To CAPTAIN THOMAS BROWN
COMMANDER OF THE SHIP BOMBAY CASTLE.

SIR,

Last night We received your Letter complaining of the ill usage You have mett with from your Chief Mate: As You have apply'd to Us, We are ready to give You a hearing on this Account and desire You will bring your mate with You on shore for that purpose.

We are
SIR,
Your most humble Servants
CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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To Charles Floyer Esqr.
Govr. &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen,

I have now waited the whole Season at this Place in hopes of receiving Directions from our Honble. Masters regarding their Servants of Madrass, but the Monsoon being now so near approached, that We are forced to despair of that Satisfaction for, some time, and as You do not admit of our enjoying the Benefits of or doing our Duty in our proper Stations on the Coast, untill their Orders shall arrive, I beg leave to inform You that I am about to depart this Place for Calcutta where I shall wait that time, and where my own Affairs at this Juncture require my Presence. I have the honour to be with Respect,

Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Samuel Affleck.

Cuddalore
21st Sept. 1747.

Mr. Edward Croke,

Sir,

You are hereby directed to remove all the Rice You have at Cuddalore belonging to the Company into this Fort, where You are to secure it in the best manner possible. Dated in Fort St. David this 23d. day of Septr: 1747.

Signed by Order of the Governor and Council

Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*
Secretary.

25th. The Ship William Wm. Mackie Commander } Sailed for Bengall.
The Ship Jenny Andrew Talyour Commander }

27 The Ship Fanny David Rennie Commander from Bengall anchor'd in the Road.

30 The Honble. Company's Ship Princess of Wales Capt. Thomas Harry, from Bengall anchored in our Road.

At a Consultation — Wednesday 30th.

Present

Charles Floyer Esqr. Governour.
Edward Croke. — William Holt.
Alexander Wynch. — Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

Genl. Letter from Bengall

On the 27th instant arrived the Ship Fanny from Bengall, and brought Us a General from the President and Council there, as enter'd No. 74 adviseing of having contracted with her Owners for her Rice Cargo consisting of about Three thousand Six hundred (3600) Bags, and encloseing a Copy of the said Contract, likewise that they have freighted on that Ship sundry Stores &ct. for Bencoolen agreable to an enclosed List.

Do. from Vizagapatam

Oxford arrived there

By that Ship We likewise received Two Letters from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam as Enter'd No. 75 and 76, giving Us the agreable News of the Arrival of our Honble. Master's Ship Oxford, Captain Thomas Stevens at their Place on the 29th Ultimo, and that She left England the 2d March in Company with the East Court, Cæsar, Winchelsea, Benjamin and Colchester, under Convoy of his Majesty's Ships, Rippon, Exeter, York, Pool and Eltham, who all sailed from the Madeira on the 22d. of that month, except the Oxford who did not leave it till the 31st that they had given Captain Stevens the truest Information they were able, regarding the Situation of Affairs on this Coast, and acquainted how welcome his Arrival

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would be at St. David both on Account of the Treasure He had on board, as well as the Service He might do his Country by adding Strength to the Squadron; But his Orders being to go to the Bay, in Case of his not putting in to Madrass, He has resolved to proceed accordingly, whereupon they thought proper to land his Packetts for this Presidency, which, having taken a Copy of, they enclose the Originals to Us, and the Copies they purpose to forward to Us overland; and that being informed this Settlement was in want of Madeira Wine, they had also landed Forty Pipes (40) Pipes out of the hundred design'd for Madrass, which they likewise purpose to send by the Princess of Wales. They further advise of having landed the Military with design of sending them to Us by the Same Opportunity.

Company's Genl. Letter by the Oxford read

Our Honble. Master's Packet as mentioned in the foregoing Letter being come safe to hand, the Same is open'd, and their General Letters Read, as likewise Messrs. Chambers and Baker's Letter to the President and Council, incloseing Invoice of the Madeira Wine laden on the Oxford.

Genl. Letter from Tellicherry

General Letter from the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry is likewise now read, adviseing that the three french Ships, which winter'd at Goa, and were last at Mangilore, were then going into Mahie.

A Letter to the Company order'd to be prepared to be sent by a Dane's Ship

The Board being informed that a Dane's Ship at Tranquebar was on her Dispatches for Europe, a General Letter to the Court of Directors was prepared to send by her to advise of such Occurrences as have offer'd since the departure of the Severn, as was a Short Letter to the English Consul at Copenhagen to desire him to cause the same to be forwarded as directed, but receiving the foregoing news from Vizagapatam of the Oxford's Arrival there just after We had closed those Dispatches It was thought necessary to open it again to add a Postscript relating to the Same, which being accordingly done, the Packet is again made up and sent away.

Warehousekeeper reads his Account

Edward Croke Warehousekeeper reads his Account for last Month, Ballance due from him Nineteen hundred, Ninety Eight Pagodas, Twenty Eight Fanams and Sixty Five Cash, (1998. 28. 65) which he is order'd to carry forward.

The Accomptant produces the Journal Parcels and Acct; Salary

The Accomptant produces the Journal Parcels for July and with it an Account Salary due to the Honble. Company's covenanted Servants for half a Year Ending the 25th instant, which amounting To Five hundred Ninety Seven Pagodas, Twenty Nine Fanams and Nine Cash (597. 29. 9) ORDERED that the Same be discharged and the Account enter'd hereafter.

Cutosmer of Cuddalore reads his Accounts

William Holt Sea and Land Customer of Cuddalore reads those Accounts for last Month, Ballance due from him on the former Three hundred Eighty One Pagodas, Fifteen Fanams and Ten Cash (381. 15. 10) and on the latter One hundred Fifty one Pagodas Twenty Seven fanams and Seventy Two Cash (151. 27. 72) both which Sums he now pays in.

Paymaster reads his Account.

Alexander Wynch Paymaster reads that Account for last Month, Vizt.

Charges Garrison .. .. Pags.	3655	4	31
Charges Hospital	87	5	40
Peons and Servants Wages	3555	25	10
Charges General	110	34	25
Charges Extraordinary	3467	16	3
Fortifications and Repairs	5453	15	43
New Horn Work	779	15	2
Fascine Battery under the South West Bastion. ..	1110	23	40
Dead Man's Battery	231	6	46
Round Point at Tevenapatam	252	17	30
Fascine Battery at the Sea Side	36	33	50
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diet	356	—	—
Household Necessaries	10	22	4
	19157	3	7

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Extraordinary Expence is advanced

Ballance due to him Seven hundred and One Pagodas Twenty Nine Fanams and Nine Cash (701. 29. 9) which He is order'd to carry forward, and the Particulars of the Extraordinary Expence to be enter'd hereafter. And He requesting to be advanced Nine thousand (9000) Pagodas to defray Charges Garrison and Buildings, the Same is AGREED to be paid him: Also Four thousand Four hundred and Eighty Four (4484) Pagodas for the Paying the Bombay and Bengall Military, and new Peons.

Storekeeper reads his Account.

Thomes Cooke Junr. Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due to him Two thousand Three hundred and Forty Two Pagodas, and Forty Five Cash (2342. —. 45) which He carries forward, and He requesting to be advanced Two thousand (2000) Pagodas for Disbursements the Same is order'd to be paid him.

Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Acct.

Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Account for last month, Ballance due from him, One hundred Fifty Four Pagodas, Twenty Fanams, and Sixty Cash (154. 20. 60) which He now pays in.

Steward delivers in his Account Current.

John Smith Steward reads that Account for this Month Ballance due to him thirteen hundred and Eighty three Pagodas, and Sixty Two Cash (1383. —. 62) which He carrys forward and copy of his Account is enter'd hereafter.

Mint Account read

Charles Floyer Esqr. Mint Master reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him three thousand Six hundred Nineteen Arcott Rupees and Four Annaes (3619. 4) Forty Six (46) Madrass Pagodas, and Seventy Six Star Pagodas, Eight fanams and Fifty Cash (76. 8. 50) of which He pays in to the Amount of Two hundred Two Pagodas, Twenty Nine fanams, and Six Cash (202. 29. 6) and the Rest He carries forward.

Letter from Captain David Rannie Read

Letter from Captain David Renny of the ship Fanny read requesting as the Neighbourhood of Pondicherry and the absence of the Squadron makes it dangerous for a single Ship to lye in the Road, that a Party of Soldiers may be order'd on board her sufficient to repell any Attempts that may be made on her in the night, which being thought necessary, Order'd that an Ensign, and thirty men be detached accordingly, and that his Letter be enter'd hereafter.

Warehousekeeper pays money into Cash.

The Warehousekeeper pays into Cash the Sum of thirteen thousand Seven hundred Rupees amounting to (3982. 20. 10) Three thousand Nine hundred Eighty Two Pagodas Twenty Fanams, and Ten Cash.

He further pays into cash the Sum of Two thousand (2000) Pagodas in part of his Ballance for this Month.

Ballance of Mr. Jno. Graham's Estate paid into the Company's Cash

The Governour and Mr. Thomas Cooke Junr. being desirous to pay into the Company's Cash the Ballance of Mr. John Graham's Estate, the Same is accordingly received amounting to Seven hundred Seventy One Pagodas, Thirty four Fanams and Nineteen Cash (771. 34. 19) and a Copy of that Account order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

the Commanding Officer of the Sepoys detected of Treachery

Becawn Cawn the Commanding Officer of the Sepoys detached from Tellicherry having been detected in a treacherous Correspondence with the Enemy at Pondicherry by a Letter which was fortunately intercepted from the subidar of Pondicherry directed to him, which plainly discovering some secrett design, It was judged proper to put him immediately under an Arrest, and to cause his house to be strictly searched, and all his Letters and Papers Examined, The most material of which being since translated are now produced to the Board as Enter'd hereafter, and Order'd that He be kept close confined till it be thought a proper time to bring him to his Tryall [*sic*].

Genl. Letters to Bombay Tellicherry and Anjengo

General Letters to Bombay, Tellicherry and Anjengo are now read as enter'd No. 68, 69, and 70, informing of the Arrival of the Oxford at Vizagapatam, and relating such new[s] as We received by her, and in that to Bombay adding that We are sorry that it has not suited with their Honour &ct. Conveniency to furnish Us with the 8 Chests of Silver We requested, as We are now obliged to despair of receiving any Supplies from Europe till after the Monsoon, but nevertheless We persuade Ourselves their Honour &ct. would have supplied Us, if in their Power,

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and that We had taken the Liberty to draw on them for One thousand and twenty (1020) Rupees Current of Bombay, in favour of Capt. Samuel Hough or order, which We requested their Compliance to.

Cash Account read

The Governor reads the Cash Account for this Month, Ballance whereof compared with the Chest is in Pagodas, Rupees, Fanams and Cash, Fifty Eight thousand three hundred and Eighty three Pagodas, One Fanam and Eight Cash (58383. 1. 8) which is carried forward and the Account order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Soldiers' Petition read

Browning Wheeler, Robert Downing and Edward Jenkins having served in the Military their contracted Time, petition the Board to relist and to have the usual Gratuity which is granted, and their Petition enter'd hereafter.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Jun^{r}*.

AN ACCOUNT SALARY due to the Honble. Company's Covenanted Servants from March the 25th to September 25th 1747.

To the Worshipful John Hinde Esqr. Depy. Govr. from March 25th to April the 14th is 20 days at 100 £ Per Annum	12	12	36
The Worshipful Charles Floyer Esqr. Govr. from April the 15th to Sept. 25th is 5 Months and 10 Days at £100 Per Annum	98	27	44
Edward Croke Second and Accomptant at £50 Per Annum .. .. Pags. 55 20 —			
Do. for a Gratuity allow'd by the H. Compy. @ £50 Per Annum .. .. .. 55 20 —			
	111	4	—
William Holt Junr. Merchant at £ 30 Per Annum ..	33	12	—
Alexander Wynch. Factor at £ 15	16	24	—
Thomas Cooke Junr. Do. at £ 15	16	24	—
Francis Fordyce Chaplain at £100	111	4	—
Sidney Foxall Senr. Merchant at £ 40 Pags. 44 16 —			
Do. Assay Master at £ 80 88 32 —			
	133	12	—
John Smith Factor at £ 15	16	24	—
Charles Nicholls do. at £ 15	16	24	—
Henry Cope Writer at £ 5	5	20	—
Alexander Baird do. at £ 5	5	20	—
Richard Turner do. at £ 5	5	20	—
Henry Vansittart do. at £ 5	5	20	—
John Duncombe do. at £ 5	5	20	—
William Reade do. from June 6th to Sept. 25th is 3 Mo. 19 d. at £5 Per Annum	3	14	9
Pagodas ..	597	29	9

ERRORS EXCEPTED.
Per EDWARD CROKE.
Accomptant.

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To the Worshipful Charles Floyer Esqr.
Govr. &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

The humble Petition of Browning Wheeler, Robert Downing and Edward Jenkins.

Sheweth

That your Petitioners having served the Honble. Company their contracted Time in the Military, humbly beg that your Worship &ct. will please to grant them the usual Allowance for Relisting.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &ct. &ct.

Extraordinary Expences in the Paymaster's Account for August, are in the following Particulars.

Charges Garrison, Persons occasionally enter'd in the Military and Gun Room				119	3	71
Hospital Charges—						
1 Sett of instruments bt: ..	P.	20	—	—		
6 Ps. Long Cloth for Rollers &ct. ..		20	—	—		
				40	—	—
Peons and Servants Wages—						
Tellicherry Peons and other Servants..				93	32	23
Charges Extraordinary as Per Account				467	16	3
Fortifications and Repairs as Per do.				3453	15	43
New Horn Work				5779	15	2
Fascine Battery under the S. W. Bastion				110	23	40
Dead Man's Battery				1231	6	49
Round Point at Tevenapatam				252	17	30
Fascine Battery at the Sea Side				36	33	50
Household Necessaries				10	22	4
Pagodas ..				11595	5	75

To the Worshipful Chas: Floyer Esqr.
Governor &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipful Sir and Sirs,

The Neighbourhood of Pondicherry, and Absence of the Squadron, making it somewhat dangerous for a Single Country Ship to lie in the Road, I must humbly beg your Worship &ct. Council will please to order a Party of Soldiers on board the Fanny sufficient to repell any Attempts that may be made by Boats in the night, which will particularly oblige.

Worshipful Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
David Rannie.

Fort St. David
29th September 1747.

Steward's Account Current.

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Dr.					Cr.		
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Septem: 19 ..	To Cash advanced Me	2000	— —	Septr. 1st ..	By Ballance	1238	3 21
				30 ..	By Wheat, 250 Bags	284	28 74
		2000	— —		By Limes 1000 @ fas. 10 Per hundred..	2	28 —
					By Onyons for 8¼ Candy at Pags. 4 Per Candy	34	— —
					By Salt fish 53300 @ fans. 7·20 Per %.	107	25 —
					By Bengall Biscuits for 470 lb. @ P. 1¼ Per Maund	23	18 —
					By Fire Wood 352500 @ Pags. 1⅛ Per thousand	406	35 —
					By Salt Beef 1 Cask containing 375 lb. @ fans. 1½ Per lb.	15	22 —
					By Candles 3 Chests containing 17 Md. 5 lb. @ Pags. 5 Per Maund	88	— —
					By Charges Dieting Soldiers on board the Bombay Castle	108	23 —
					By do. on board the Fanny	3	31 60
					By do. on board the Company's Long boat	4	10 70
					By Charges dieting the Bombay Military and Sepoys	594	6 17
					By do. the Tellicherry Sepoys	331	12 40
					By do. the New do. ..	67	9 20
					By 3 Hogs for Bacon	8	18 —
					By Coconuts (1000)	6	18 —
					By Charges Cattle	41	27 —
					By Godown Rent and Cooley hire ..	13	— —
30th ..	To Ballance	1383	— 62		By Charges Dieting 2 Men from the Swift Snow for 10 days	2	8 —
	Pagodas ..	3383	— 62		Pagodas ..	3383	— 62

Errors Excepted
Per John Smith

Dr. THE ESTATE OF MR. JOHN GRAHAM DECEASED. Cr.

1745						1746			
MAY	..	To Cash paid Servants Wages for April.		6	20 —	JUNE..	.. By Sundries sold at Outcry as Per Account Particulars	936	25 40
		To do. Account Funeral Charges ..		72	13 48		By Cash received his Salary from the 25th March to Ult: April 1745 @ £40 Per annum	8	23 8
JUNE	..	To do. Cryer making Out Cry		1	— —		By Cash received from Shasha Chitty, and Peer Markay account Good[s] sent to Columbo	1	7 52
AUGUST	..	To do. paid Register's Note for Letters of Administraion and 2 Seals		6	24 —				
SEPTEM:	..	To do. paid Godown Rent on the first Parcel Beetle Nut. Pags.	8 18 —						
		To do. paid do. on the last Parcel of Beetlenut . ..	4 2 8						
				12	20 8				
1746									
MAY ..	..	To do. Charges on washing &ct. 2 Bales of Izarees		2	26 40				
JUNE..	..	To Commission 5 Per Cent on Pags. 946. 20. 20.		47	11 65				
		To Cash paid Register's Fees for a Commission to Messrs. Croke and Holt ..		3	12 —				
		To do. paid Custom on 2 Bales of Izarees		21	10 —				
		To do. paid Register's Note for Entrys..		—	28 —				
				174	22 1				
		To Ballance now paid into the Company's Cash		771	34 19				
		Pagodas ..		946	20 20		Pagodas ..	946	20 20

FORT ST. DAVID
JUNE 24.1746.

ERRORS EXCEPTED
PER CHARLES FLOYER
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

— *SEPTEMBER 1747* —

FROM [*lacuna*]. TO BECAWN CAWN SUBIDAR.

I was glad to hear that You came to this Province, and wish that by the Blessing of God, We may visit One Another. Amanet your Servant came to Veldavoor, on hearing of which my Subadar sent his man thither to call him. He accordingly came, and is now with the Subadar; There are a great many Words to tell You, which is not proper to write, I must therefore desire You to send Pandy Cany, Braminy, to this Place, Your Servant Amanet shall return with him to your Place: Abdul Rachaman Subadar has wrote You a Letter and hopes you'll think it Prudence in You to send an Answer to it. Pray advise me where my Family is at present, and also of Affairs regarding Shaick Abdulla; Present my Respects to Edarooss Cawn, and Shaick Ebraheam. What can I say more?

THE ANSWER.

I received your kind Letter, and understood the Contents thereof. The Braminy You desired Me to send, is very busy at present, and therefore I now send You Mahomed Hussain, and hope you'll send Amanet with him; I must desire You not to send your Letters by Dervess, for He is not fitt to be trusted, because I find He brings Letters to several others in this Place, and carries their Letters likewise to your Place, so that it is very probable He may play tricks with Us: As You are ingenious, I just gave You a Hint of Matters. What can I say more?

FROM SHAICK ABDUL RACHAMAN SUBADAR OF PONDICHERRY TO BECAWN CAWN.

I was extreamly Glad to receive your Letter by Dervess, and to know the Contents thereof. I must desire You not to throw yourself in Suspicion, but to declare your mind and secret Intentions freely to Me by a Letter, which I hope you'll send by your Braminy, You may depend upon it that it shall be my best Endeavours to gett the Business done according as You wish, after which I will write You a Letter. Don't let any body know of what I wrote to You; As Affairs of this kind are not to be delay'd, I hope you'll send your Braminy to Me as soon as possible. Present my Respects to Shaick Eadyroassa. Shaick Assen presents his Respects to You.

What can I say more?

FROM SHAICK ABDUL RAHAMAN SUBADAR OF PONDICHERRY TO BECAWN CAWN.

I take the Liberty to acquaint You that the Chubdar had informed Me of all your Affairs, and on my hearing that Amanet your Servant came to Veldavoor, I sent my man to call him, He according[ly] came, and is now with Me. I have a great many things to communicate to You, which I don't think proper to write, I must therefore desire You to send to Me Pandy Cany Braminy by whom I will send You a Verbal Account of Matters, regarding Ourselves: I shall be glad if You send the said Braminy to Me; He shall return again to You with Amanet your Servant. Don't throw your Self in Suspicion but write an Answer to this Letter. Abubaker has wrote You a Letter likewise. What can I say more?

FROM SHAICK ABUBAKER JAMADAR OF PONDICHERRY TO BECAWN CAWN SUBADAR.

I was extreamly glad to receive your Letter and to know the Contents thereof. Abdul Rahaman Subadar was pleased to write You a Letter, which I hope will give You a full Account of Matters, as I am your Real Friend Nothing shall be wanting in me to do the best Acts of Friendship for You. I must advise You therefore to declare your mind freely by a Letter and send the same by your Braminy as soon as possible. It shall be my best Endeavours to gett the Business done according as You wish, Affairs of this kind are not to be delayed. Don't let any body know of what I wrote to You. I understood of what You wrote to Me Concerning the

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Marriage being finished without your knowledge, as there is nothing to be done against it since it is finished, I hope you'll forgive the faults of your Family in that Case and regard them as usual; What can I say more?

FROM BECAWN CAWN IN ANSWER TO THAT RECEIVED FROM SHAICK ABDUL RAHAMAN.

I received your Letter and observed the Contents thereof. It is true that there is a perfect Friendship betwixt Us. But I must acquaint You that if You write me another Letter assuring Me of your Fidelity, I will then send my Braminy to You. I cannot trust Dervess with my Secrets, and therefore hope You will send another whom You can trust. Let Amanet remain with You. What can I say more?

FROM BECAWN CAWN IN ANSWER TO THAT RECEIVED FROM SHAICK ABUBAKER.

I have received your Letter and observ'd the Contents thereof, I now send a Letter to Shaick Abdul Rahaman Cawn, Subadar, which I hope will give You a full Account of Matters. Your Family is at present in Carpall and your Mother lives at Tellicherry: Shaick Davoods Daughter was married to a certain Person in Sindy. Shaick Abdulla undertook to finish the said Wedding without the least notice given to Me.

I must desire You not to trust to Dervess your Secrets: if You have a trusty Person with You, trust him with it: as for my Part I don't think proper to declare my mind to him: if Shaick Abdul Rahaman writes me again assuring his Fidelity, I will then send my Braminy to him. What can I say more?

FROM SHAICK ABDUL RAHMAN SUBADAR OF PONDICHERRY TO EADAROOSS CAWN, A WRITER TO BECAWN CAWN.

I take the Liberty to acquaint You that touching the Matters in this Place, I refer You to my several Letters to Becawn Cawn, and that if You have any thing to say to Me, be so good as to let me know that I may endeavour to dispatch it. What can I say more?

FROM EADAROASS CAWN, A WRITER, TO ABDUL RAHAMAN, SUBADAR OF PONDICHERRY.

I had the honour to receive your Letter and am much obliged to You for your Complaisance and favour, I am ready to do You all the Service in my Power, and hope You'll honour Me with your Commands. Present my Respects to Shaick Hassen Subadar. What can I say more?

FROM SHAICK ABUBAKER JAMADAR OF PONDICHERRY TO BECAWN CAWN.

You was pleased to send an Answer to my Letter, and to that of my Subadar, and by these Answers I understood what You have wrote, and immediately sent You another Letter; My Subadar did the Same on his Part but You replyed only [to] the Subadars Letter, however let me take the Liberty to acquaint You, that the present Circumstances of Affairs in this Place are very good which emboldens Me to assure You that every thing shall be done here according as You wish, so that I hope you'll consider well, and either write me a Letter, or send Me a Messenger. If You think that the Affairs in your Place are upon good Foundation, Stay there or else come hither, I must repeat it to You that the People here are good natured, and every thing shall be done here according as You wish. Some of your People had complained to Me by a Letter about the ill Usage You give them, and they have wrote to several others in this Place upon the same Subject. I did tear the Letter sent to Me, after I read it. I advise You to use your People well: My Subidar now sends his Letters by the Phakeer to the following Persons, Vizt.

Pandy Cany.
Buboo Rava.
Sydoo Najeem.
Shaick Davood Moomin,

You are ingenious. What can I say more?

THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S CASH.

Dr.					Cr.			
1747 SEPTEMBER 1ST	To Ballance from last Month				1747 SEPTEMBER 4	By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanced him for Disbursements ..	1500	—	—
	In Pags.	27902	—	—		By Account Presents paid Captain Edward Jacob and Officers of Ship Princess Augusta	500	—	—
	In fans.	3106	14	50	5TH	By Alexander Wynch Paymaster Advanced for Disbursements			
		31008	14	50		In Pags. .. .. 1500 — —			
	To Edwd: Croke Warehousekeeper received of him the Amount of A: Rups: 20000 @ 344 Per % Pags ..	5813	34	27		In fans. .. .. 500 — —			
2ND	To do. do. received of him the Amount of A: Rups: 20000 @ 344 Per % Pags ..	5813	34	27			2000	—	—
	To Profitt and Loss gained by Exchange of Pags. 1000 into fans. @ 40·30 Per Pagoda	121	19	—		By Atcherrapah &ct. Madras Boatmen Advanced them	100	—	—
4TH	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper received of him in A: Rups: 10000 @ 340 Per % Pags.	2941	6	28	15TH	By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanced for Disbursements			
7TH	To do. do. received of him the Amount of A: Rups; 30000 @ 344 Per do. ..	8720	33	40		In Pags. .. .. 1500 — —			
10TH	To Account Current Fort William for a Bill of Exchange in favour of Mr. John Haman amounting to 8500 A: Rups: @ 344 Per % Pags. ..	2470	33	39		In fans. .. .. 1000 — —			
12TH	To Edwd: Croke Warehousekeeper received of him A: Rups: 9350 @ 343 Per % Pags	2715	26	62			2500	—	—
15TH	To do. do received of him the Amount of A: Rups: 20000 @ 344 Per % Pags ..	5813	34	27	16TH	By Account Cattle paid for 2 horses ..	130	—	—
16TH	To Linga Chitty received of him in part for Broad Cloth sold him ..	5000	—	—	19TH	By John Smith Steward advanced to procure Provisions for the Garrison.	2000	—	—
19TH	To Account Current London received of Capt: John Tedd as Per Certificates of this date	700	—	—		By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanced him for Disbursements in Rups: 1820 @ 340 Per % Pagodas.	535	10	47
	[Carried over Pagodas] ..	71120	20	60	24TH	By Account Cattle for One horse bought	60	—	—
					25TH	By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanced for Disbursements			
						In Pags. .. .. 500 — —			
						In fans. .. .. 500 — —			
							1000	—	—
					29TH	By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanced for the purchase of Redwood	2000	—	—
						[Carried over Pagodas] ..	12325	10	47

THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

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	[Brought over Pagodas] ..	71120	20	60
SEPTEMBER 21ST	To Account Current Fort William received for a Bill of Exchange in favour of Govr. Foster A: Rups: 3871 @ 344 Per % Pagodas ..	1125	11	54
	To do. do. received for do. in favour of Mr. Purple Perry Templer A: Rups: 10320 @ 344 Per % Pags.	3000	—	—
	To do. received for do. in favour of Govr. Foster A: rups: 6000 @ 344 Per % Pags	1744	6	56
	To do. received for do. in favour of Messrs. Fytche and Burrows A: Rups. 3000 @ 344 Per % Pagodas	872	3	28
	To do. received for do. in favour of Mr. Christ: Cradock A: Rups: 3000 @ 344 Per % Pags. ..	872	3	28
22D	To Account Current Bombay received for a Bill of Exchange in favour of Mr. Saml: Hough A: Rups. 1000 @ 344 Per % Pags	290	25	10
24TH	To Profit and Loss gained by Exchange of Pags. 1000 into fans. @ 40.30 Per Pagoda	121	19	—
30	To Edwd: Croke Warehousekeeper received of him A: Rups: 13700 @ 344 Per % Pagodas	3982	20	10
	To Wm. Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore received in full for last Mo:			
	In Pags. .. .. 372 — —			
	In fans. 9 15 10			
		381	15	10
	[Carried over Pagodas] ..	83510	17	16

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	[Brought over Pagodas] ..	12325	10	47
SEPTEMBER 30TH	By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanced him to defray Charges Garrison and Buildings			
	In Pags. .. .. 7500 — —			
	In fans. .. .. 1500 — —			
		9000	—	—
	By do. to pay new Peons in Rups. 15248 6 11 @ 340 Per % Pags.	4484	—	—
	By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanced him for Disbursements ..	2000	—	—
	By Account Salary paid the Honble. Company's Covenanted Servants for half a Year ending the 25th instant.	597	29	9
	By Ballance carried forward			
	In Pags. .. .. 56460 — —			
	In fans. 1923 1 8			
		58383	1	8
	[Carried over Pagodas] ..	86791	3	13 [*sic*]

THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

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SEPTEMBER 30TH.	[Brought over Pagodas] ..	83510	17	16	SEPTEMBER 30TH.	[Brought over Pagodas ..	86791	3	13 [*sic*]
	To Wm. Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore received in full for last Mo :								
	In Pags.	99	—	—					
	In fans	52	27	72					
		151	27	72					
	To Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam received in full for last Month								
	In Pags ..	150	—						
	In fans ..	4	20	60					
		154	20	60					
	To Edwd: Croke Warehousekeeper received of him in full of his last Month' Ballance	2000	—	—					
	To Charles Floyer Mint Master received of him his Ballance for last Month,								
	In Mads : Pags. 101								
	@ 11 P. Ct. ..	112	3	76					
	In Star Pags ..	90	25	10					
		202	29	6					
	To Estate of Mr. John Graham received of Chas. Floyer Esqr. and Mr. Thos. Cooke Junr.	771	34	19					
	Pagodas ..	86791	3	13 [*sic*]		Pagodas ..	86791	3	13 [*sic*]

ERRORS EXCEPTED
PER CHARLES FLOYER.

—— *OCTOBER 1747* ——

The Honble. Company's Ship Illchester from the Squadron anchored in the Road. 2D

Ditto sailed to the Southward. 3D

The Ship Prince of Orange Andrew Young Commander from Bengall anchor'd in the Road. 4TH

The Ship Fanny David Rannie Commander sailed hence for Bencoolen. 5TH

AT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 5TH.

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

The Princess of Wales arriveing on the 30th Ultimo brought Us a General from Bengall, and another from Vizagapatam, both which are now read, and enter'd No. 79 and 81. Genl. Letter from Bengall by Prss : of Wales

By this Ship the Board have likewise a Letter from the Governor and Council of St. Helena, containing Advices of such of our Honble. Masters Ships as have touched with them, which is likewise Read, and enter'd No. 78. A Genl. Letter from St. Helena

Letter from Mr. Henry Kellsall at Ingelee is also now Read as enter'd No. 80 incloseing a Protest against Captain Thomas Harry for not having his full Compliment of Men, and but 2 Guns mounted in the Gun Room. ORDER'D that a Copy of the said Protest be enter'd hereafter. Letter from Mr. Henry Kellsall at Ingelee read

The Reinforcement of Military by this Ship being in number 113 together with their Officers, having been safely landed, AGREED that they be detached to the Garden House, and that the necessary Orders be given for their Accomodation and Diet. The detachment of Men by this Ship order'd to the Company's Gardens

The Ship Fanny having been freighted by the Honble. President and Council of Bengall for the West Coast, and being in Readiness to depart accordingly, AGREED that the Warehousekeeper do lade on board her 20 Bales of Gunnys and Ten of Ordinary long Cloth that have been dyed Blew, for the Use of the Slaves, and as the Governour and Council of Fort Marlbro' : have indented for a Quantity of Fanams and Cash, such as are Current at that Place, which our Minters here are not acquainted with, AGREED that We send them by this for the Supply of their present Occasions to the Value of Five hundred (500) Pagodas of such as are Current at this Place, and in case they should not pass with them, to desire they will return them to Us, with the Musters of the different Sorts they would be furnished with. And the President and Council of Bengall having sent to Us Mr. Charles Hampton a Writer, whom the Company have positively order'd to reside at Bencoolen, AGREED that he be sent thither on this Ship, and that the Secretary do give the Captain a Permitt to receive him on board. Stores sent to the West Coast Per Ship Fanny

ORDERED that a General be drawn out to their Settlement to advise of the foregoing, and to reply to their Letter by the Success Sloop, Signifying our Justification regarding the Badness of the Rice, and other Supplies sent them by the Lapwing and Fanny, and that being now better informed of the Sorts they most esteem, We should for the future supply them accordingly, taking Care to have them examined by the master of the Vessel, before they are sent off, that so He may have no Room to shift the Damage upon Us, that the Gentlemen of Bengall had complied with their indent by the Houghton by this Ship, and that We should take Care to supply them with what may be wanting to compleat their Indents to them and Us, that We approve of their having sent Mr. Massey to Batavia, and to desire them to give him Directions to write to this Coast by the Ships that leave that Place for this side, Genl. Letter to the West Coast

which will not only be a great Satisfaction to Us but may be of great Importance to the Squadron. That We shall take the first Opportunity to reinforce their Garrison with some Men, which may be more Serviceable than Peons, could We prevail on them to go. That We shall duly observe our Honble. Masters Directions by the Norfolk regarding the Purchase of Teas for the use of the Markett, that as We understand a Chaplain is sent on the Grantham for their Place, if Mr. Rider has a Mind to come this way, He will be entertained according to the Allowances of Fort St. George; that in the Present Juncture We can give no General Permission for the granting certificates for money that may be paid into their Cash, and as there is a General Order with Respect to deceased Persons and those who had resigned the Service to grant Certificates for any money paid into their Cash, We think they should equally enjoy the same Indulgence now as before and believe our Honble. Masters will not disapprove of the Continuance of it, And that We had some thoughts of returning to them the Sloop Success, but She proving of Service to his Majesty's Squadron We have thought proper to employ her for the present in that Service.

Genl. Letter from Bengall

The Ship Prince of Orange arriving this morning bring Us another General from the Gentlemen at Bengall, adviseing of having contracted with that Ships Owners for her whole Cargo of Rice to be deliver'd here as Per Copy of the said Contract Inclosed.

Genl. Letter from Vizagapatam

General Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam by the Ship Success Read declaring her Loading of Rice to the Amount of the Cargo She left at Ganjam to be on the Honble. Company's Account as by the said Letter enter'd No. 83.

Warehousekeeper advanced.

ORDERED that the Warehousekeeper be advanced the Sum of Five thousand Five hundred and Twenty Five Pagodas, Twenty One Fanams (5525. 21) for the Payment of Ship Fanny's Cargo of Rice.

Twenty tonns of Iron order'd on board the Princess of Wales

The Ship Princess of Wales being in want of Kintlidge, ORDER'D that the Warehousekeeper do lade on her about Twenty Tonns of the Company's Iron.

ORDERED that the Warehousekeeper deliver out Six hundred (600) Mercalls of Rice among the Cooleys to support and encourage them in the present necessity.

Paymaster advanced

The Paymaster requesting to be advanc'd Two thousand (2000) Pagodas for Disbursements the Same was paid him the first instant.

Wm. Belsches surgeon advanced

William Belsches Surgeon to the Sick and Wounded of his Majesty's Squadron requireing to be advanced One thousand (1000) Pagodas, the Same is likewise paid him.

Warehouskeeper pays money into Cash

The Warehousekeeper pays into Cash on the 2d. instant Ten thousand (10000) A. Rupees amounting to Two thousand Nine hundred Forty One Pagodas, Six Fanams and Twenty Eight Cash (2941. 6. 28).

Do. Do.

He likewise now pays the Sum of Four thousand Four hundred, Sixty Five Pagodas, Eight Fanams, and Sixty Two Cash (4465. 8. 62) being the Amount for Copper sold by him.

Warehousekeeper advanced.

The Storekeeper requesting to be advanced Four hundred (400) Pagodas for Disbursements the Same is order'd to be paid him.

Letter to Capt. Harry

The Bourbon lying in Pondicherry Road having got in a Main and Mizen Mast since the 2d. Instant, and being near compleatly rigged; And being advised that the three Ships from the Malabar Coast are also sailed, and as We believe coming for this Coast for these Reasons It is thought necessary that a Letter be wrote to Captain Thomas Harry to inform him of the Same, that he may keep on board, and be always on his Guard, and in case the Enemies Ships should appear to get under Sail and make the best of his way to Bengall, as Per Copy thereof enter'd hereafter.

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There being some more Conveniences necessary to be made at the Powder house for the carrying on that Business with the greater Expedition, ORDER'D that the Paymaster do cause the Same to be done.

Paymaster ordered to prepare what conveniences are wanting at the Powder House

Captain Thomas Harry having requested to be supplied with the Sum of Eight hundred (800) Pagodas for the Use of the Ship agreable to the Terms of his Charter Party, the Same is ordered to be paid him, and the usual Receipts to be taken for it.

Capt. Thos. Harry supplied with 800 Pagodas agreable to Charter Party

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW. CROKE.
WILLM. HOLT.
AR: WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

I Henry Kelsall of FORT WILLIAM, in the Service of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do on their Part and Behalf, protest against You Thomas Harry Commander of Ship Princess of Wales, and against the several part Owners of the said Ship for all damages that may or shall accrue to the said United Company in not having on board your Compliment of Men as Stipulated by Charter Party. As likewise for having but two Guns mounted in the Gunroom instead of Four, as Stipulated in Charter Party. DATED on board the Princess of Wales off Ingelee the 4th September 1747.

HENRY KELSALL.

SIGNED AND DELIVER'D in the Presence of Us
JOHN SMITH.
FRANCIS HAMILTON.

An Attested Copy from the Original
JOHN SMITH.
FRANCIS HAMILTON.

To CAPTAIN THOMAS HARRY
COMMANDER OF THE SHIP PRINCESS OF WALES.

SIR,

We must observe to You that the Bourbon lying in Pondicherry Road since the 2d. instant has got up a Main and Mizen Mast, and is near being compleatly rigged. The Three Ships from the Malabar Coast are also sailed, and We have reason to believe bound to this Coast; for these Reasons We would have You go on board your Ship, and get her unloaded as soon as possible: You must likewise keep her in sailing Trim and in Case the Enemy should appear, and you see it necessary You are to get under Sail and make the best of your Way for Bengall;

FORT ST. DAVID
4TH OCTOBER 1747.

We are
SIR
Your most humble Servants

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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7TH The Ship Success Captain John Herriot from Bengall anchor'd in the Road.

14TH The Ship Prince of Orange Andrew Young Commander sailed for Bengall.

18TH The Ship Success sailed for Bengall.

About 8 A.M. his Majesty's Squadron appeared from the Eastward and stood into the Road, and in the Evening stood to the Northward.

19TH The Honble. Company's Ship Princess of Wales, Captain Thomas Harry Commander sailed for Bengall.

MONDAY 19TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR

EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.

ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Letter from Mr. Douglas at Calicut read.

Letter from Mr. Alexander Douglas at Calicut read, accompanying the Seapoys from Tellicherry, as mentioned in their Advices.

General Letters to Bengall

General Letters to Bengall are now Read as Enter'd No. 72, 73, 74, Informing that the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam have advised of the Receipt of the Pagodas, and other Particulars designed them by the Jenny, and hoping they would supply them with the Rupees, when in their Power; That Mr. Charles Hampton was gone to the West Coast, that We should be very exact in complying with their Agreements regarding the Several Cargos of Rice, and as far as in our Power forward the Dispatch of Each Ship: that the Gentlemen at the West Coast would be much obliged to their Honour &ct. for the Articles sent by the Fanny, And as We purpose to send a thousand Bags of Rice in January, We requested them to furnish Us with that Quantity of the best new Patcheree Rice; that as it Appeared Mr. Sterling had suffer'd greatly by the Arrack, and as We understood by their Letter, that it was sent purposely for the use of this Settlement, We desired they would be pleased to allow him whatever they might think reasonable on that Score: that the 30 Tonns of Redwood was continued on the Princess of Wales, and We had returned her Charter Party: that We esteemed Ourselves greatly obliged to them for the Military and Stores sent Us by that Ship, and that We should not fail to comply with whatever Terms they had made with them; that four of them had died in the Passage, and mentioning their Names; that Mr. Hook the Surgeon returned on the Ship, and forwarding them the 14th Paragraph of our Honble. Master's Letter by the Oxford, wherein they permit Lieutenant Holland to remove to their Place and to have a Company with them, that as there were many Accounts relating to the Squadron unadjusted for Disbursements at this Place, as well as at Madrass, which not being to be settled without the Presence of Mr. Richard Rosewell the Agent Victualler, We desired they would intimate to him the absolute Necessity of his coming here for that Purpose, That We had advanced Captain Harry Eight hundred (800) Pagodas on Account of his Charter Party, and encloseing One of his Receipts for the Same, and adviseing of the Capture of our Honble. Master's Ship Anson, Captain Charles Foulis by the Apollo and Anglesea Privateers then cruizing off Bombay, but that She had landed her Packetts and all her Treasure before She struck, and that the Portfield narrowly escaped the same Fate by getting into Bassein, that in Case several Coast and Bay Ships should arrive with them, We desired they would supply the Northern Settlements with at least Fifty (50) thousand Rupees, and requesting they would supply Us by the Ships in December and January with as far as Six or Eight thousand Bags of Rice, and desiring the Same might be all good and New and if possible at a more moderate Price, adding that what We received from them last Year was extreamly bad, and would scarce have been vendible but in such Times, Also desiring they would forward the Remaining Sixty (60) Pipes of Madeira designed for this Coast by the Oxford, as We were in Extream

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want of it, further that We had drawn on them in favour of the Owners of the Prince of Orange for the Sum of Five thousand Three hundred Fifty Nine (5359) Rupees and Ten Sixteenths (10/16) in part for the Discharge of her Rice Cargo, and inclosing Invoice of Redwood and Iron laden on the Princess of Wales. Those Number'd 73 and 74 adviseing of having sent on board the Princess of Wales Eight French Deserters, and enclosing Copy of our Orders to the Commander thereon Also that We had made a further Draught on them for the Sum of Twelve thousand (12000) Rupees in favour of Messrs. Fytche and Burrows, being for the Amount of the Ship Success's Cargo of Rice.

Capt. Thomas Harry pays money into Cash

Captain Thomas Harry pays into Cash on the 14 instant the sum of Five hundred and Sixty Pagodas account of his Priviledge for which the usual certificates were given him.

his Sailing orders read Ordered to receive on board Eight French Deserters

A Copy of Captain Thomas Harry's Sailing Orders, order'd to be enter'd hereafter together with the Order for receiving on board the French Deserters.

Letter and Protest from Capt. Harry Read

Letter and Protest from Captain Harry deliver'd in and Read, which together with the Board's Reply are order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Another Letter from Capt. Harry

Another Letter from Captain Harry Read and enter'd hereafter.

Warehouse-keeper pays money into Cash

The Warehousekeeper pays into Cash on the 6th instant the Sum of thirteen thousand Seven hundred (13700) Rupees amounting to three thousand Nine hundred Eighty two Pagodas, Twenty Fanams and Ten Cash (3982.20.10).

Account Charges of the Commodore's Table produced and order'd to be paid.

The Governor produceing the Account Charges of the Commodores Table and other Expences on his Account from the 2d March to the 20th ultimo, which amounting to Five hundred Ninety Five Pagodas, One fanam and Forty Seven Cash (595.1.47) is Order'd to be paid him.

Account Expences of two french Prisoners paid

He also delivering in the Account Expences entertaining the Governours of Mahie and Carrical whilst they were detained here as Prisoners of War, which amounting to One hundred, Eighty Nine Pagodas, Seven Fanams and Fifty Cash (189.7.50) the Same is likewise order'd to be paid him, and both this and the foregoing Account to be placed to Charges Extraordinary.

Old Merchants called in about their Ballances

The Term having expired that was allowed the Old Merchants to pay in their Ballances as by consultation of the 16th March, They are now sent for in, and the Same demanded of them, but they give for Answer, that Mootall who is the Chief Person concerned among them being in the Country, they are not capable of complying with it, till He returns, and therefore desire it may be deferred till that time, which is consented to.

Warehouse-keeper advanced

The Warehousekeeper advanced Seventeen hundred (1700) Pagodas on the 8th instant, and again on the 15th Sixteen hundred Ninety Five Pagodas, Seven Fanams and Fifty Cash (1695.7.50) both which Sums were for the Provision of Grain.

Paymaster advanc'd

The Paymaster requesting to be advanced One thousand (1000) Pagodas for Disbursements the Same was paid him on the 17th past.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW : CROKE.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
AR : WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE *Junr.*

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To Captain Thomas Harry
Commander of Ship Princess of Wales.

Sir,

On Receipt hereof You are to repair on board, and to take the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather to carry your Ship into the Offing abreast of the Fort, where You are to anchor and continue there till the Fort makes the Signall of a Pendant at the Top of the Flag Staff, and fires 3 Minute Guns, when You are to weigh and proceed to Bengall, and there follow all such Orders as You shall receive from the Honble. John Foster Esqr. President and Governor &ct. Council of Fort William for your further Proceedings.

Our design of having you wait in the Offing some days is to watch the Motions of the Bourbon now lying in Pondicherry Road, whom We have Reason to believe may be prepared to transport Cannon, Mortars and Ammunition to act against this Settlement, and in such Case Your Ship may be of particular Service in preventing the Enemy from landing them, as may the Presence of her possibly deter them from any Attempt that way: You will therefore keep a Man at the Mast head to constantly observe the Bourbon, and if You find She is preparing to gett under Sail, You are to hoist a Jack at the Mizen Topmast head and fire two Guns, if the Fort observes her first, there will be a Jack hoisted at the Flaggstaff and two Guns fired, and it may be proper that You also gett under Sail and observe her Motions.

It is wrote from the Malabar Coast that three French Ships left Mahie the 10th September, who may be supposed to be bound to this Coast, in Case of their Appearance or other of the Enemy's Shipping, You are to make the best of your way to Bengall; or if the Weather should come on so hard as that You apprehend a Gale of Wind is like to follow, in such Case You are likewise to proceed to Bengall. Dated in Fort St. David this 13th day of October 1747.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

To Captain Thomas Harry
Commander of Ship Princess of Wales.

Sir,

You are hereby order'd to receive on board your Ship Eight French Deserters, the Same which You brought hither from Vizagapatam, and carry them to Bengall where when arrived You are to deliver them to the President and Council there.

You must be carefull of them while You lay in the Road, that they do not gett from You, and have a strict watch over your own Boats.

The Governor and Council in Bengall will be accountable to You for any Expence You may be at on their Account. Dated in Fort St. David this 15th October 1747.

Signed by Order of the Govr: and Council.

Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*
Secry.

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To the Worshipful Charles Floyer Esqr.
Govr. &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipful Sir and Sirs,

I was much surprized in the morning by having these Eight french Deserters sent on board our Ship without any Provision for their Subsistence: As I had the honour to write to day by my former Letter, I hope Gentlemen, You'll please to send some Provision for them or else I must be obliged to send them on shore, for I have none lay'd in for their Account, but am much more surprized to receive your finall Orders, that instead of proceeding to Bengall directly, I am now obliged to lay in the Offing as a Guard Ship, without any Reinforcement of Men to defend our Ship, but those of the Enemy sent this morning, which I had much rather been without: You all very well know, Gentlemen, the State of our Ships Company, therefore if You expect any defense from Us, We have need of Reinforcement of Men, otherwise I am sure We can make but a very weak defense, against an Enemy so much Superior to Us, as are those Ships so suddenly expected from the Mallabar Coast as You say, and the Bourbon so near at hand, So that We can be but of little Service to your Garrison. However in the morning I shall endeavour to follow your Orders as strictly as in my Power, but first I must be obliged to enter a Protest in behalf of the Owners, on account of our being confined here in this dangerous Place, and Season, in order to wait for the Enemy instead of avoiding them, for further Consideration, I refer it Gentlemen to yourselves, and remain with the greatest Respect

Worshipful Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Thomas Harry.

On board Ship Princess of Wales.
October 15th 1747.

I Thomas Harry, Commander of Ship Princess of Wales in the Service of the Honble. the East India Company, do on the part of the Owners of Ship Princess of Wales, and on their behalf protest against You Charles Floyer Esqr. Governor &ct. Council of Fort St. David, as also against the Honble. the East India Company, for all damages that shall or may accrue to the said Ship Princess of Wales, for keeping and detaining the said Ship here in this dangerous Season of the Year, and when We are in daily Expectation of being surprized by the Enemy, as also the danger of loosing the Monsoon, and hazard of the Season at this Place with Respect to Weather &ct. Dated on board Ship Princess of Wales in Fort St. David Road this 15th October 1747.

Thomas Harry.

Signed and Delivered
in the Presence of Us.
Peter Burrell.
Thomas Harry, *Junr.*

To Captain Thomas Harry
Commander of Ship Princess of Wales.

Sir,

Late last night We received your Letter of the 15th also a Protest for all damages that shall or may accrue to the Ship Princess of Wales on our ordering the said Ship into the Offing: We must acquaint You that We are the best Judges to act in Regard to the Safety of this Settlement, and with your Ship; and if She

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is so weakly manned as You represent, She is not in the Condition She ought to be by Charter Party, nor could run any Risque in laying in the Offing in the manner We directed for the Time We design to keep her, and have a right to do by the said Charter Party, or longer if We see fit, and therefore your Protest can be of no Validity, which however We shall enter without Remarks thereon, that the Honble. Company as well as your Owners may be fully satisfied with what We have done, being designed for the Welfare of this Settlement, as well as just and Legal with Respect to your Owners.

You tell Us You are much surprized that We should send Eight French Deserters on board your Ship without Provisions for them, We wrote You when We sent them that the Gentlemen in Bengall would be accountable to You, for the Expence of them, but when You pleaded a scarcity of Provisions on board We then sent off two Month's Provision, and Part of the Same was received on board your Ship before your Letter and Protest came away. We are

SIR,
Your most humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID
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CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

TO THE WORSHIPFUL CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND SIRS,

I have just now received your Letter of this Day concerning my Letter of last night and my Protest, in which I conceive You mistake the Reason of my Protest, it not being on account of the Ships being order'd into the Offing, but of the late Season of the Year, being detained on this Coast, and the hazard We run of loosing the Monsoon for Bengall &ct. I am very sensible of your Authority in keeping Us, and sending Us, when and where You please, and also your being competent Judges for the Wellfare of this Settlement: As for my Protest it signifies but little only to secure me from future Accidents, that may happen with Respect to our Ships Company: We have our full Complement of Men and above, but then it must be considered what Sort of Men, Above 40 of them being Lascars, and not much to be depended upon for the defence of the Ship, at this time and Place where We have been alarmed with Armed forces both by night and day, as GENTLEMEN, Yourselves very well know; I am oblig'd to you Gentlemen for the Supply of Provisions &ct. You sent to the French Deserters, because We were unprovided for them.

I remain with the greatest Respect

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servant

FORT ST. DAVID
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THOMAS HARRY.

SATURDAY 31ST.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.

EDWARD CROKE. ALEXANDER WYNCH.
WILLIAM HOLT. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Genl. Letter from Tellicherry

General Letter from Tellicherry Read as Enter'd No. 85, adviseing that the three french ships mention'd to be arrived at Mahie in their last, sailed thence the 20th Ulto. to the Southward.

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General Letters No. 75 and 76 Read to Vizagapatam, and Ingeram, that to the former acknowledgeing the Receipt of their Favours, and approving their Transactions, with Regard to the Oxford on her Arrival with them, and that We were sorry his Orders were to proceed to the Bay: that We had received the several Papers belonging to that Ships Packett both by Sea and Land; that the Princess of Wales arrived here the 30th Ultimo, and brought Us the 20 Recruits, and Twelve Pipes of the Madeira Wine, and desireing them to forward the Remainder of the Recruits by the first Sea Conveyance: that the Ship Success arrived here the 7th instant, whose Cargo We had taken on the Company's Account, and as that Ship was not in a Condition to proceed to the West Coast, We had discharged her from the Service, and will adjust the Affair with the Owners; and approving of the Order sent Mr. Andrews for the selling the Rice and Paddy She landed at Ganjam: that We were glad the Gentlemen at Bengall had sent them the Pagodas We designed them by the Jenny, and that We had wrote to desire them to send them the Rupees as also Fifty thousand (50000) more as soon as they are able, Out of which We desired they would supply Mr. Sanders at Ingeram with as much as needfull as well as Mr. Andrews when the troubles at Ganjam are settled. That the Fort St. George on which they had sent 20 Pipes of Madeira being chased off Madrass by one of the Men of War, bore away and has not since been heard of, Also adviseing of the Circumstances of the Capture of the Anson, and that the Commodore sailed with the Squadron on the 20th Ultimo to the Northward, and returned on the 18th inst. but the Weather looking Cloudy went away again without Anchoring: AND that to Ingeram adviseing of the Arrival of the Success as in the foregoing, and that We had drawn Bills on the President and Council of Bengall for twelve thousand (12000) Rupees in favour of Messrs. Fytche and Burrows on Account of her Contract and Cargo of Rice, and that We would adjust the Difference when He sends Us the Price of the Rice.

Genl. Letters to Vizagapatam and Ingeram

Edward Croke Warehousekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him Two thousand Eight hundred and fifty three Pagodas, and Forty Six Cash (2853.–.46) which He carries forward.

Warehousekeepers Account Read

The Accomptant produces the Journal Parcels for August.

Journal Parcels produced

William Holt Sea and Land Customer of Cuddalore reads those accounts for last Month, Ballance due from him on the former, two hundred Ninety Five Pagodas, Ten fanams, and Sixty Six Cash (295.10.66) and on the latter Sixty Eight Pagodas, Twenty Two fanams and Sixty Eight Cash (68.22.68) both which sums He now pays in.

Customer of Cuddalore reads his Accounts

Alexander Wynch Paymaster reads that Account for last Month (Vizt.).

Paymaster reads his Account.

Charges Garrison	Pags.	4334	4 5
Charges Hospital		49	4 —
Peons and Servants Wages		3822	8 19
Charges General		117	33 74
Charges Extraordinary		1634	6 71
Fortifications and Repairs		2449	18 68
New Horn Work		3392	33 66
Fascine Battery under the S. West Bastion ..		698	2 —
Dead Man's Battery		1133	30 46
Round Point at Tevenapatam		42	14 54
Fascine Battery at the Seaside		395	9 69
Charges Cattle		50	— —
Charges Diet		356	— —
Household Necessaries		24	— —
Chaises		25	— —
	Pagodas	18524	22 72

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Extra-ordinary Expence

Ballance due to him Two hundred Forty One Pagodas, Seventeen Fanams, and Fifty Two Cash (241.17.52) which He carries forward and the Particulars of the Extraordinary Expence Order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Paymaster advanced

He requesting to be advanced Nine thousand Two hundred (9200) Pagodas to defray Charges Garrison and Buildings, the Same is order'd to be paid him. Also Four thousand Six hundred and One Pagodas, Nineteen fanams and Twenty One Cash (4601.19.21) for the Payment of the Bombay and Bengall Military and new Peons.

Storekeepers Account Read advanced

Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper reads his Account for last Month, Ballance due to him Seven hundred Twenty Seven Pagodas, Sixteen fanams and fifty Cash (727.16.50) which He carrys forward, and He requesting to be advanced One thousand (1000) Pagodas for Disbursements the Same is order'd to be paid him.

Tevenapatams Customers Account Read

Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him One hundred Ninety Five Pagodas and Sixty Cash (195.–.60) which He now pays in.

Mint Account Read

Charles Floyer Esqr. Mint Master reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him One hundred and One (101) Madras Pagodas, and Ninety Current Pagodas Twenty Five fanams and Ten Cash (90.25.10) All which He carrys forward.

Steward delivers in his Bill.

John Smith Steward delivers in his Bill for this Month, amounting to Two thousand One hundred and Seventy Five Pagodas, Twenty four fanams and Sixty One Cash (2175.24.61) which being duly examined, is Agreed to be discharged, and his Bill order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

is order'd to deliver an Account of his Provisions to the storekeeper

The Method that has been practised regarding the Steward's Accounts appearing not so proper as was imagined, especially with respect to the Garrison Provisions procured by him, most of which remaining in Store, It is judged proper that the Same should appear in the Storekeeper's Books, to which End it is now order'd that the Steward deliver over to the Storekeeper an Account of all kind of Provisions that are remaining to this day, and that the Storekeeper do enter it in his Books, giving him Credit for the Same, and the Steward to Charge the Storekeeper for whatever He may provide for the use of the Garrison for the time to come, delivering him an Account monthly of all He procures and expends and as to all dead Expences, such as the Table for the Bombay and Bengall Officers, Maintenance of Cattle and the like, He is order'd to charge the Paymaster.

Mr. Wynch requests a spot of Ground which is granted him

Mr. Alexander Wynch requesting to have a spot of Ground of 100 Yards Square, situated on the Southern side, and at the upper End of the Road commonly known by the name of Bird Cage Walk, the Same is granted him and his heirs for the Term of Ninety years, He or they paying the Customary Acknowledgement of one Pagoda Per Annum to the Honble. Company for the Same, and Order'd that a Certificate be drawn out and given him accordingly.

Mr. Wm. Holt pays into Cash the amount of Coire sold by him on Account of the Creditors of Mr. Jos : Smith deceased

Mr. William Holt pays into the Honble. Company on Account of the Creditors of Mr. Joseph Smith late Gunner of Madrass the Sum of Two hundred and Fifty Two Pagodas, seventeen Fanams and Fifty Cash (252.17.50) being the Nett Produce of a Parcell of Coire left in his Charge at his decease, which He desires may be deposited for the Account aforementioned: He further delivers in an Account Current relating thereto which is order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Warehouse-keeper Order'd to purchase as many Gunnys as possible

The Warehousekeeper being ordered some time since to procure as many Gunny's and Gunny Bags as possible for sundry uses in this War time, and as We may now with great Reason expect the french will make another Attempt on this Place: It is the desire of Mr. Jones our Engineer and the rest of the Officers of the Artillery, that at least Ten thousand Bags for sand may be got in Readiness to lodge upon the Works in case of a Bombardment, and to endeavour to get Gunnys

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for as many more as He can, It is therefore Order'd that He do accordingly, and least a disappointment may [?happen] in the Ships from Bengall, He is directed to purchase as many as may offer.

The Govr. Produces two Letters to the Board received from Mr. Beawes.

The Scarcity of Money, together with not having obtained any Safe Guard, having obliged Us to desist from the Intentions we had of sending a Deputation to Nawzir Jong, which was designed to have been conducted by Mr. Beawes and Captain Crompton as mentioned in Consultation of the 31st August, The Govr. produces to the Board a Couple of Letters He has received from Mr. Beawes representing that He has been detained a considerable time at a great Expence, having been desired to prepare himself ready for an Embassy first to Nizam, and afterwards to Nawzir Jong, both which designs being now given over, He conceives He can be of no further Service to Us, therefore as it grows late in the Year, He informs him that He purposes to Batavia by the Ships that are now upon their dispatches from Negapatam, wherefore He delivers in an Account of Expences and Preparations He was desired to make on so grand an Occasion which with One Years Subsistence amounts to Pags. 1046.18. which being seriously considered together with the Opportunity He has lost of proceeding to China at the beginning of the Year, as was otherwise his firm Intention, It is thought reasonble to pay him the Same, and that it be placed to Charges Extraordinary.

Warehouse-keeper pays money into Cash

The Warehousekeeper pays into Cash on the 27th instant the Sum of Twenty four thousand (24000) Rupees amounting to Seven thousand and Two Pagodas, Twenty four fanams and Sixty Eight Cash (7002.24.68).

Govr. desires to be repaid the 1000 Pags. paid to Nauzir Jongs Horsemen

The Governor informing the Board of having paid the thousand Pagodas to Nauzir Jongs Horsemen for introducing Mr. Hinde's and the Commodore's Letters as specified in Consultation of the 31st August, He now desires to be repaid the same, which is accordingly given him and placed to Account Presents.

Two horses bought

A Couple more Good horses offering for Sale at Pagodas 100 Each, the Same are bought and paid for.

An Account of Jewels &ct. bought for the Embassy to Nizam, produced and deliver'd to the Warehouse-keeper.

There having been Jewels and several other Articles bought and paid for out of the Honble. Company's Cash for Account of the Embassy designed to Nizam and Nauzir Jong, amounting to Fourteen thousand Eighty nine Pagodas, Nine fanams and fifty One Cash (14089.9.51) and the same having never been brought to a Publick Account by reason of the necessary Privacy of that Affair: the Several Memorandums are now produced which with the Particulars contained therein are deliver'd over to the Warehousekeeper; and the Amount thereof as before mentioned advanced him in the Cash Account.

Rent of the Arrack Farm paid in.

Cootah Arrack Farmer pays into Cash the Sum of Two hundred (200) Pagodas for 3 Months Rent of that farm due the 1st July last.

Rent of the Weighing and Measuring Duties paid in

Cootah Renter of the Weighing and Measuring Duties pays into Cash the Sum of Fifty (50) Pagodas for 3 Months Rent of that farm due the 1st July last.

Warehouse-keeper pays in part of his Ballance

The Warehousekeeper pays into Cash the Sum of Four thousand (4000) Pagodas in part of his Ballance for this Month.

Cash Account read

The Governour reads the Cash Account for this month Ballance compared with the Chest is in Pagodas, Rupees, Fanams and Cash, Thirty two thousand, three hundred, Nineteen Pagodas, Twenty three fanams and Thirty five Cash, which is carried forward and the Account order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLM. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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THE HONOURABLE COMPANY. DR.

To Charges Dieting the Bombay Military and Sepoys.	607	27	15
Charges Dieting the Bengall Military	309	35	40
Charges Dieting the Tellicherry Sepoys	365	6	—
Charges Dieting the New Do.	198	31	—
Charges Dieting the Military and Gun Room from the 20th to the 31st inst.	229	25	—
Charges Feasting the Military and Gun Room on the 30th inst.	84	19	50
Charges Dieting 28 Recruits from the Princess of Wales the 4th instant	7	16	60
Provisions sent to the French Recruits on board the Princess of Wales on the 15th	20	8	36
Provisions sent to the Honble. Company's Military on board the Fanny from 1st to the 4th ..	6	33	—
Provisions sent on board the Honble Company's Longboat the 8th and 17th instant	6	29	20
Salt Beef for 2 Casks containing 903 lb. at fans. 1½ Per lb.	37	22	—
Salt fish for 77000 @ fans. 4 Per %	85	20	—
Cocoa Nuts for 1000	6	20	—
Charges baking 1492 Marcalls of Wheat @ fans. 3 Per Mercall	124	12	—
Charges Cattle	60	15	—
Godown Rent and Cooley hire	23	28	—
Pagodas ..	2175	24	61

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ERRORS EXCEPTED
PER JOHN SMITH.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES in the Paymaster's Account for September 1747 are in the following particulars.

Charges Garrison						
Bengall Detachment, pay'd for 2 Months.	599	28	48			
28 New Recruits from England ..	70	28	—			
Oil and other Small Charges ..	8	15	6			
				678	35	54
Peons and Servants Wages, Peons occasionally enter'd.				266	19	9
Charges General, Sealing Wax P. 2, Boats at Penniar River P. 4.9				6	9	—
Charges Extraordinary, as Per Account				1634	6	71
Fortifications and Repairs as Per Do.				2449	18	68
New Horn Work				3392	33	66
Fascine Battery under the So. West Bastion				698	2	—
Dead Mans Battery				1133	30	46
Round Point at Tevenapatam				42	14	54
Fascine Battery at the Sea Side				395	9	69
Household Necessaries				24	—	—
Account Chaises				25	—	—
Pagodas ..				10747	—	37

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Estate of Mr. Joseph Smith Deceased

Dr.					Cr.			
1746					1747			
Novem. 9th	To Cash paid Charges on Coire 48 Candy 8 Md : 19 lb. sent to Porto Novo ..		8	26 —	October 31st	By Cash received of Mr. Thomas Cooke for 48 Candy 8 Md. 19 lb. Coire sold him the 23rd Ulto : at Pags. 6 Per Candy	290	21 32
1747								
October 7th	To do. paid Charges and Godown Rent bringing it from Porto Novo.	14	30	60				
31st	To Commission 5 Per Cent on sale of said Coire	14	19	2				
		38	3	62				
	To Ballance paid into the Honble. Company's Cash	252	17	50				
	Pagodas ..	290	21	32		Pagodas ..	290	21 32

Cuddalore 31st October 1747.

Errors Excepted.
William Holt.

The Honourable Company's Cash.

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Dr. 1747						Cr. 1747				
October 1st	To Ballance from last Month					October 1st	By Edward Croke Warehousekeeper advanced him to purchase Ship Fanny's Rice		5525	51 —
	In Pags.	56460	—	—			By Account Current Fort Marlbro' sent thither Per Ship Fanny in fanams		500	— —
	In fans.	1923	1	8			By Wm. Belsches Agent for the sick and wounded advanced him ..		1000	— —
					58383 1 8		By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanced for Disbursements			
2d	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper received of him Arct. Rupees 10000 @ 340 Per % Pags.				2941 6 28		In P:	1500 — —		
4th	To do. do. received of him for Acct. Copper Sold				4465 8 62		In fs:	500 — —		
5th	To do. do. received of him Arct. Rups. 13700 @ 344 Per % Pagodas				3982 20 10				2000	— —
	To Profitt and Loss gained by Exchange of Pags. 400 into fans. @ 40.40 Per Pag.				50 — —	6th	By Account Current London supplied Captain Thomas Harry for the use of Ship Princess of Wales agreable to Charter Party		800	— —
14th	To Account Current London received of Capt. Thos: Harry on acconnt of his Priviledge				560 — —	8th	By Edward Croke Warehousekeeper advanced him in part for the purchase of Rice Per Ship Prince of Orange.		1700	— —
27th	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper received of him A. Rups. 16413½ @ 344 Per % Pagodas				4771 13 16		By Charges Extraordinary paid Commr: Griffins Expences from 2d Mar. to 20 Sept.		595	1 47
	To do. do. received of him A. Rups. 7586½ @ 340 Per % Pagodas.				2231 11 52		By do. paid Diet and Expenses of Mons. Le Riche and Monsr. De le Rie		189	4 4
31st	To Estate of Mr. Joseph Smith received of Mr. Willm. Holt				252 17 50	10th	By Thos. Cooke Junr. storekeeper advanced him for Disbursements ..		400	— —
	To Wm. Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore received of him in full of his last Month's Ballance					14th	By Edward Croke Warehousekeeper advanced him for the Purchase of Grain		1695	7 50
	In Pags.	277	—	—		17th	By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanced him for Disbursements ..		1000	— —
	In fans.	18	10	66		31st	By Charges Extraordinary paid Nazir Jongs Horesemen for introducing Mr. Hinde's and the Commodore's Letters to Nizam		1000	— —
					295 10 66					
	To Wm. Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore received of him in full of his last Month's Ballance									
	In Pags.	24	—	—						
	In fans.	44	22	68						
					68 22 68					
	Carried over Pagodas ..				78001 4 40		Carried over Pagodas ..		16405	28 21

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Dr. 1747					Cr. 1747				
October 31st.	Brought over Pagodas ..	78001	4	40	October 31st	Brought over Pagodas ..	16405	28	21
	To Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam received of him in full of his last Month's Ballance					By Account Presents for a Tasheriff given to the said Horsemen 500 Rups. @ 340 Per % Pagodas ..	147	2	9
	In Pags.	191	—	—		By Account Cattle for 2 horses bought	200	—	—
	In fans.	4	—	60		By Charges Extraordinary paid Mr. Beawes Expences from Primo April	1046	18	—
		195	—	60		By Edward Croke Warehousekeeper advanced him for Account Presents to Nizam and Nauzir Jong			
	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper received of him in part of his last Months Ballance	4000	—	—		In A. Rups. 23351½ @ 340 Per % P. .. 6868 3 14			
	To Cootah Arrack Farmer received of him for 3 Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st July last ..	200	—	—		In Star Pagodas. 7221 6 37	14089	9	51
	To Cootah Renter of the Weighing and Measuring Duties received of him for 3 Month's Rent of that Cowle due the 1st July last	50	—	—		By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanced for Disbursements ..	1000	—	—
	To Profitt and Loss gained by Exchange of P. 1000 into fans. @ 40.30 Per Pagoda	121	19	—		By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanced him to defray Charges Garrison and Buildings			
						In Pags. .. .. 8000 — —			
						In fans. .. .. 1200 — —	9200	—	—
						By Alexander Wynch advanced him to pay the Bombay and Bengall Military and new Peons for this Month A. Rups. 15644 12 65 @ 340 Per % Pagodas	4601	19	21
						By John Smith Steward paid him his Ballance for last Month	1383	—	62
						By do. paid the Amount of his Bill this Month	2175	24	61
							50248	—	65 [*sic*]
						By Ballance carried forward			
						In Pags: .. .. 30959 — —			
						In fans. 1360 23 35	32319	23	35
	Pagodas ..	82567	24	2 [*sic*]		Pagodas ..	82567	24	20

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

Per CHARLES FLOYER.

—— *NOVEMBER 1747* ——

5TH. His Majesty's Ship Medway's Prize anchor'd in the Road from the Northward.

7TH. Do. sailed out of the Road in the night.

11TH. His Majesty's Ship Princess Mary, Medway, Pearl and Swift Snow anchor'd in the Road from the Northward.

16TH. His Majesty's Squadron sailed out of the Road this morning.

MONDAY 16TH. AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR.
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Genl. Letters from Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Ganjam.

General Letters from Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Ganjam read as Enter'd No. 86, 87, 88, 89, and 91, Those from Vizagapatam signifieing a Difference they have found in the Account of Mr. Prince's Rice to a considerable Amount, and requesting that the same may be examined into: those from Mr. Saunders at Ingeram acknowledgeing the Receipt of the Pagodas designed him by the Jenny, and that He should immediately set about investing it, that his Accounts have been all along transmitted to Vizagapatam and should be forwarded to Us by the first Opportunity, and that He should not fail to encourage an Importation of Grain to this Settlement: And that from Mr. Andrews at Ganjam acquainting Us that He shall regard our Directions relating to the Investment, but as it would be some days before he could receive any Supply of Money, he is apprehensive there will be little left to effect any thing this Year, and that he has began on the sale of the Success's Cargo of Rice believing it better so to do, than to keep it till it grows worse, as a fresh Cargo may be provided shortly for that amount, also encloseing his Accounts to the last day of August.

Paymaster advanced.

The Paymaster requesting an Advance of Fourteen hundred (1400) Pagodas for Disbursements, the Same was paid him the 5th instant.

Boatmen advanced.

Atcherrapah &ct. Boatmen requesting a further Advance for the Repair of their Boats, they were advanced One hundred Pagodas on the 6th instant as also Fifty more on the 16th.

Warehouse-keeper pays into Cash.

The Warehousekeeper pays into Cash on the 7th instant Twenty thousand (20000) A: Rups: amounting to Five thousand Eight hundred, thirty five Pagodas, Ten fanams and Forty Eight Cash (5835. 10. 48).

Letter from Commodore Griffin requesting a Supply of Men.

Letter from Commodore Griffin under the 14th instant read, informing Us that He was under a necessity of putting into this Port with the Medway and Pearl, the Companies of both those Ships being so sickly, that it was indispensably necessary to send many of them on shore to recover, by which means the Ships will be entirely incapable of farther Service, unless We could spare a Reinforcement of Men out of the Garrison, also requesting to be supplyed with about twelve thousand (12000) Pounds of Rice, which should be reimbursed or paid for by the Agent Victualler.

His request complied with.

The said Letter being taken into Consideration and the Governor being well informed that his designs are not to be far from Us, It was immediately agreed to spare him the Reinforcements He required, being in number Ninety two Europeans and Forty Topasses, and order'd that the Commodore's Letter with the Governour's Answer be enter'd hereafter.

Order to Captain Brown.

The Commodore also acquainting Us that He had discharged the Bombay Castle some days since not thinking She would be of any further Service, but having again Reason to apprehend the Want of her, it is thereupon Agreed that a Fresh Order be given Capt. Brown to put himself again under his Command, and order'd that the Same be enter'd hereafter.

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The Paymaster requesting a further Advance of thirteen hundred (1300) Pagodas for Disbursements, the same is accordingly paid him. Paymaster advanced.

Linga Chitty pays into Cash the Sum of three thousand One hundred and Sixty Five Pagodas (3165) Pagodas in part for Broad Cloth sold him. Linga Chitty pays money into Cash.

The Storekeeper desireing to be advanced two thousand, Five hundred (2500) Pagodas for Disbursements Order'd that the Same be paid him. Storekeeper advanced.

By the Pattamars that arrived from Anjengo a few days past We received Advices of the Arrival of the George Snow at that Place on the 8th Ultimo, having left England the last of April, by whom We hear that the Porto Bello sloop arrived safe there on the 20th of that month. Advice from Anjengo. George Snow arriv'd there.

General Letters to Vizagapatam and Ingeram read as enter'd No. 77 and 78 adviseing of the foregoing news. Genl. Letters to Vizagapatam and Ingeram.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
AR: WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

TO THE WORSHIPFULL CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.

SIR

I was under a necessity of putting in here with his Majesty's Ships Medway and Pearl, the former wanting Water, and the Company's of both very sickly, so that it was indispensably necessary to send many of them on shore to the Hospital to save their Lives, by which means those Ships are render'd incapable to proceed on farther Service, unless You will please to order a Reinforcement of Men undermentioned from your Garrison to enable them to do their duties, Vizt. To the Medway 40 Europeans, and to the Pearl 52 Europeans and 40 Blacks which if You can possibly spare, I pray the favour You will order them to be imbarked with all possible Dispatch.

And I am also apprehensive those Ships will want Bread or Rice in lieu thereof, before our Provisions may arrive from Bengall, I must again request of You to order a Supply of 12 thousand Pounds of Rice for that Purpose, 8000 to be sent on board the Medway, and 4000 on board the Pearl, which shall be paid or reimbursed You by the Agent Victualler on his Return from Bengall. I am very respectfully.

PRINCESS MARY
14TH. NOVEMBER 1747.

SIR,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
THOMAS GRIFFIN.

To THOMAS GRIFFIN ESQR.
COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF HIS BRITANNICK
MAJESTY'S SQUADRON IN THE EAST INDIES.

SIR,

I have received your Favour of this date adviseing the necessity You was under of putting in here with his Majesty's Ships Medway, and Pearl for water, and to put on shore a great number of Sick People from those Ships, which are thereby render'd incapable to proceed on farther service without You can have a Reinforcement of Men from this Place of Ninety Two Europeans and Forty Topasses.

As You have done, Sir, all that a Gentleman could do in Regard to the Safety of this Settlement, I look upon myself bound in Duty to assist You to the utmost with every thing You have Occasion for, justly considering the great Advantage

that may accrue from your being in a Capacity to proceed on farther Service. You are fully acquainted with the State of our Garrison and the number of Men We have, and altho' this Draught is very considerable from it, yet for the foregoing Reason I have given Orders that the number of Men You require be sent on board this day, Vizt.

To his Majesty's Ship Medway 40 Europeans.

To . . . . . Pearl 52 do. and 40 Topasses well knowing your design is not to be far from Us: As I have spared You all the men possibly from the Gun Room, they being the fittest for your service, I beg the favour You will please to give Orders, that as your sick Men recover We may have their Service if wanted, till You can return the Reinforcement now sent You, this will occasion the Draught to be attended with little Inconvenience as We shall have your Men to supply their Place.

I have order'd the Steward to send on board the Medway 8000 Pounds of the best Rice We have and 4000 Pounds to the Pearl. I am with much Respect

SIR

FORT ST. DAVID — Your most Obedient and very humble Servant

14TH NOVEMBER 1747. — CHARLES FLOYER.

TO CAPTAIN THOMAS BROWN
COMMANDER OF SHIP BOMBAY CASTLE,

SIR,

The Commodore having informed Us that He has discharged You from the Service of the Squadron This comes to direct that You again put yourself under his Orders. DATED in Fort St. David this 16th day of November 1747.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

26. His Majesty's Ships Princess Mary, Medway and Pearl anchored in our Road.

29. His Majesty's Ships Princess Mary, and Pearl sail'd out of the Road in the night.

MONDAY 30TH. AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR
EDWARD CROKE. — WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. — THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Genl. Letter from Vizagapatam. General Letter from Vizagapatam read as Enter'd No. 92 adviseing of the Arrival of his Majesty's Fireship Fuogo at their place in order to clean and refitt, and that agreable to the Permission We had given them in our Letter of the 29th July, they had entertained an extraordinary number of Peons and Lascars, and were training the former to Military Exercise purposeing to continue them so long only as the present Exigency of Affairs may require.

Genl. Letter to Tellicherry. General Letter to Tellicherry read as Enter'd No. 79, adviseing of having apprehended Becawn Cawn the Commanding Officer of the Sepoys from their Place in holding a treacherous Correspondence with the Enemy, and that We had thereupon committed him to Prison, till a proper Opportunity offer'd of bringing him to his Tryal, and desireing them to cease paying the Families of those who were found to be concerned with him.

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Edward Croke Warehousekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him, thirteen thousand four hundred Seventy Two Pagodas, thirty fanams, and Sixty three Cash (13472. 30. 63) which He carrys forward. Warehouse-keeper's Account Read.

The Accomptant produces the Journal Parcels for September. Journal Parcels produced.

William Holt Sea and Land Customer of Cuddalore reads those Accounts for last Month, Ballance due from him on the former two hundred Ninety Eight Pagodas, thirteen fanams and Six Cash, and on the latter One hundred Fifty Pagodas Nine fanams and Twenty Six Cash (150. 9. 26) both which Sums He now pays in. Customer of Cuddalore reads those Accounts.

Alexander Wynch Paymaster reads that Account for last Month, Vizt. Paymaster reads his Account.

Charges Garrison	4125	1	20
Charges Hospital	358	—	—
Peons and Servants Wages	4013	17	32
Charges General	141	21	73
Charges Extraordinary	3320	10	57
Fortifications and Repairs	1933	34	32
New Horn Work	2393	6	53
Fascine Battery under the So, West Bastion ..	467	23	8
Dead Man's Battery	327	21	39
Fascine Battery on the Plain	47	16	—
Round Point at Tevenapatam	64	4	29
Fascine Battery at the Sea Side	81	—	15
Shoemaker's Point, Fascine Battery	1064	3	11
Paddy Godown near the Dutch Factory	315	10	72
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diet	356	—	—
Pagodas	19258	35	7

Ballance due to him two thousand Six hundred Ninety Eight Pagodas, Thirty three fanams, and thirty Eight Cash (2698. 33. 38) which He carrys forward, and the particulars of his Extraordinary Expence order'd to be enter'd hereafter. Extra-ordinary Expence.

He requesting to be advanced twelve thousand Eight hundred (12800) Pagodas to defray Charges Garrison and Buildings, the Same is order'd to be paid him, as likewise the Sum of Four thousand Five hundred Seventy Five Pagodas, Eleven fanams and Sixty nine Cash (4575. 11. 69) for the Payment of the Bombay and Bengall Military and New Peons. Paymaster advanced.

Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due to him Nineteen hundred Sixty Two Pagodas, Thirty Five fanams, and fourteen Cash (1962. 35. 14) which He carrys forward. Storekeeper reads his Account.

Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Account for last month, Ballance due from him Ten Pagodas four fanams, and Six Cash, (10. 4. 6) which He now pays in. Tevena-patam Customer reads his Account.

Charles Floyer Esqr. Mint Master reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him Seven (7) Madras Pagodas, and Sixty three Current Pagodas, thirty four fanams and Ten Cash (63. 34. 10) the Amount of all which He now pays in. Mint Account read.

Captain Thomas Andrews offering to pay into the Honble. Company's Cash the Sum of Eleven hundred and Fifty (1150) A. Rups. for a Bill of Exchange on the President and Council of Bombay, in favour of Captain Samuel Hough or Order, the Same is received and Bills granted him accordingly. Capt. Thos. Andrews pays in money for a Bill on Bombay.

Pakala Rownapa desireing an Advance of One thousand (1000) Pagodas for the Account of his Provision of Redwood, the Same is paid him for that purpose. Money advanced on account of Redwood.

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Mr. Belsches surgeon advanced.

Mr. Belsches Agent for the Sick and Wounded requesting to be advanced another thousand (1000) Pagodas for his Occasions, the same is likewise paid him.

Warehouse-keeper pays money into Cash.

Edward Croke Warehousekeeper pays into Cash on the 20th instant the Sum of Ten thousand (10000) Arct: Rupees amounting to Two thousand Nine hundred and Six Pagodas Thirty five fanams, and fourteen Cash (2906. 35. 14) He likewise now pays the sum of Ten thousand (10000) Rupees more.

Paymaster pays money into Cash.

The Paymaster pays into Cash the sum of Sixteen hundred Sixty Eight Pagodas, Seventeen fanams, and Forty Cash (1668. 17. 40) being on Account of the materials of the Buildings made use of by him, and accounted for according to their value.

Warehouse-keeper pays money into Cash.

The Warehousekeeper pays into Cash the Sum of Four thousand (4000) Pagodas in part of his Ballance.

Bound Rent paid in.

Sadashaverow Bound Renter pays into Cash the Sum of Eight hundred and thirty three Pagodas, Twelve fanams, (833. 12.) being for 3 Month's Rent of that Cowle due the 1st July last.

Rent of the Beetle and tobacco farm paid in.

Irshapah and Persham Chitty Renters of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm pay into Cash the sum of three hundred Seventy Five (375) Pagodas, due for three month's Rent of that farm the 1st August last.

Warehouse-keepers Report Read.

The Warehousekeeper produces a Report setting forth the Considerable Loss, that will arise to our Honble. Masters by the Bengall Rice, not only thro' the difference of the weight and measure but by the extraordinary Price it was contracted for, having been obliged to retail here at the Markett Price, which has been much less than it cost, and recommending to the Board to think of some Method to prevent the like Loss in any that We may receive from that Place hereafter: The same having been already had in Consideration, and mentioned in our Letter to that Presidency, Order'd that his Report be enter'd hereafter.

Cash Account Read.

The Governor reads the Cash Account for this Month, Ballance whereof Compared with the Chest is in Pagodas, Rupees, Fanams and Cash, being Thirty thousand, three hundred and Three Pagodas, Nine fanams and Seventy nine Cash (30303. 9. 79) which is carried forward, and the Account order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
AR: WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES in the Paymaster's Account for October 1747 are in the following Particulars.

Hospitall Charges					
Cloathing the sick Men &ct.			309	3	46
Peons and Servants Wages					
Tellicherry Sepoys &ct. entertained this Mo: ..			191	9	13
Charges General					
Boats at Penniar River and Trepopilore	P. 2	10 —			
2 Buffalos bought	4	34 —			
Gilt Paper and Silk strings for the Country Letters	2	16 —			
Coco Nut Oil and other small Charges	13	35 79			
			23	23	79
Carried over ..			524	—	58

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Brought over	524	—	58
Charges Extraordinary as Per Account	3320	10	57
Fortifications and Repairs as Per Do.	1933	34	32
New Horn Work	2593	6	53
Fascine Battery under the So. West Bastion ..	467	23	8
Dead Man's Battery	327	21	39
Fascine Battery on the Plain	47	16	—
Round Point at Tevenapatam	64	4	29
Fascine Battery at the Sea side	81	—	15
Shoemaker's Point Fascine Battery	1064	3	11
Paddy Godowns near the Dutch Factory	315	10	72
Pagodas	10738	23	54

To the Worshipfull Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governor &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipfull Sir and Sirs,

I think it necessary to remind your Worship &ct. that Mr. Hinde some time before his Death, wrote a private Letter to the Governor of Calcutta adviseing him the excessive Scarcity of Grain in this Place, and that We were apprehensive of being put to great Distress, as We had a great Augmentation of Forces in our Service, and surrounded by our Enemy so that, had there not been a Dearth in the Country (as there was at that time) We could not have had the inland usual import: at the same time He desired the President to send Us a large Supply of Rice by the very first Conveyance, which was accordingly sent Us but contracted with the Owners by the President and Council at so high a Price, and to be received here by weight contrary to our usual Custom, that the Company in both these Articles, and hereafter mentioned further Respects, will sustain a considerable Loss, which I shall endeavour to make appear by first reminding your Worship &ct. that it was contracted for Us to receive it at 56 Bags, Each Bag to contain 2 Bengall Maund, which is 112 Bengall Maunds or 8960℔. Per Fort St. David Garse, which when We measured a Loss appeared upon each Garse of 744℔. or 61⅔ Mercalls as a Garse of our[s] will weigh 9704℔., a very considerable Deficiency especially when We add to it the Loss by remeasuring it out to our Military &ct. Servants, and retailing in the markett, besides the prodigious Waste We sustained by the perpetual Removal in Mr. Hinde's Time, and since from One Godown to another as from Cuddalore to this side: And such was and is our necessity for proper Godowns, that some of them, tho' damp, and consequently, of Damage to the Grain, yet as We have been obliged to demolish our Buildings, I have as directed been obliged to make use of them. The great Deficiency by the difference of Bengall Weight with our Garse considered, with the loss of remeasuring or retailing. the waste by continual Removals and the Consumption by Vermin, and damage by damp Godowns, it is too visible there will turn out a prodigious Loss to our Honble. Masters, but to compute it exactly, I cannot at this time.

And now I cannot omit to take notice, that We are liable to receive a particular loss by the Cargo of Ship Phaza Salam, the Supracargoes having had a large Quantity of Rice to be weighed off, and being impatient to be speedily dispatched in order to make a Second Trip, sollicited the Govr. that 200 Bags might be weighed off for a Standard to compute the rest of the Cargo, by assuring at the same time that all their Bags contained two Bengall Maunds, which was complyed with, but having occasion to deliver 500 Bags for the West Coast there appeared in weighing them off a vast difference not one of them coming near to the weight of the Bags the Supracargoes deliver'd for a Standard, which occasioned me to make another draught of 135 Bags promiscuously taken out, and found them in like manner vastly short, wherefore a third Draught was made of 269 Bags, but would not answer the first, most of which surpassed 2 Maunds, upon this the Supra Cargoes

sollicited the Governor, that the last Draught, reckon'd One with another might be the Standard at 58 Bags per Garse, but as most of the Bags turned out so much short of 2 Bengall Maunds Per Bag, We have great Reason according to the best Calculation We can make to expect We shall find a considerable Loss.

In Regard now to the Price the President and Council of Calcutta had contracted for Us to pay, being Pags. 100 Per Garse, which with Charges of Godown Rent &ct. amounts to Pags. 102 Per Garse, tho' We had a great Scarcity of Grain yet what little was sold in the Markett was considerably lower than the price sent Us, so that when We attempted to retail it to our Military, Sepoys, Peons, &ct. Servants at the Rate charged Us, We found a general murmuring among them, insomuch that to content them (as it was War time) agreable to your Worship &ct. directions, I have been obliged to deliver it them at the Rate of about Pags. 88 Per Garse according to the Change of Pagodas, and as there is likely to be a plentiful Season, and We a considerable Quantity by Us, and in Expectation of large Importations from the Northward, which in all probability will abate the Price, therefore to prevent any further Loss, We are obliged to retail it in the markett at 2 Measures for a Fanam which amounts to Pags. 79 Per Garse, all which I am sorry to say will encrease our Honble. Master's Loss, and refer to your Worship &ct. that We consult on some Method to prevent the Company suffering so much by the Bengall Rice in receiving it by the prementioned Weight, as well to endeavour to lower their extravagant Price of the Grain.

I am with Respect
Your most Obedient humble Servant
EDWARD CROKE.

FORT ST. DAVID
NOVR. 30TH 1747.

The Honourable Company's Cash.

— NOVEMBER 1747 —

1747	Dr.					Cr.		
Novem: 1st.	To Ballance from last Month							
	in Pags.	30959	—	—				
	in fans.	1360	23	35	32319	23	35	
7th.	To Edwd. Croke Warehousekeeper received of him							
	A. Rups. 13760 @ 344 Per % Pagodas ..	4000	—	—				
	To do. received of him							
	A. Rups. 6240 @ 340 Per % Pagodas ..	1835	10	48				
	A. Rups. 20000 amounting to Pags.				5835	10	48	
8th.	To Profitt and Loss gained by Exchange of 1600 P. into fans. @ 38. 65 Per Pag.				125	—	—	
18tm.	To Linga Chitty received of him in further part of Broad Cloth sold him							
	in Madras Pagodas 1500 @ 11 Per Cent advance	1665	—	—				
	in Star Pagodas ..	1500	—	—	3165	—	—	
20th.	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper received of him Arct. Rups. 10000 @ 344 Per % Pags.				2906	35	14	
	Carried over Pagodas ..				44351	33	17	
1747								
Novem: 5th.	By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanced for Disbursements							
	in Pags.	1000	—	—				
	in fans.	400	—	—		1400	—	—
6th.	By Atcherrapah &ct. Madras Boatmen advanced them					100	—	—
16.	By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanced for Disbursements							
	in Pags.	1000	—	—				
	in fans.	300	—	—		1300	—	—
	By Atcherrapah &ct. Madras Boatmen advanced them					50	—	—
23d.	By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanced for Disbursements ..					250	—	—
25th.	By Pakala Rownapa advanced him for Provision of Redwood					1000	—	—
26th.	By William Belsches Agent for the Sick and wounded advanced him ..					1000	—	—
28th.	By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanced to defray Charges Garrison and Buildings							
	in Pags.	11500	—	—				
	in fans.	1300	—	—		12800	—	—
	Carried over Pagodas ..					20150	—	—

Dr. THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.* Cr

		Brought over ..			44351	33	17
1747.								
Novem. 24.	To Account Current Bombay received of Capt. Thomas Andrews for a Bill of Exchange in favour of Capt. Saml. Hough or Order 1150 A. Rups. @ 344 Per % Pags.				334	10	71
	To Profitt and Loss gain'd by Exchange of 1150 Rups. at 340 Per % Pags.				3	33	47
30th.	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper received of him Arct. Rups. 10000 @ 340 Per % Pags.				2941	6	28
	To Charles Floyer Mint Master received of him in part of his Ballance for last Month						
	in Madras Pags. 7 @ 11 Per Cent.	7	27	57			
	in Star Pags. ..	63	34	10			
					71	25	67
	To William Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore received of him in full of his Ballance for last Month						
	in Pags.	285	—	—			
	in fans.	13	13	6			
					298	13	6
	To Wm. Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore received of him in full of his last Month's Ballance						
	in Pags.	101	—	—			
	in fans.	49	9	26			
					150	9	26
	Carried over Pagodas ..				48151	24	22

		Brought over Pagodas ..			20150	—	—
1747.								
Novem. 28th.	By do. advanced him to pay Bombay and Bengall Military and new Peons for this Month A. Rups. 15555¼. 9. 14. @ 340 Per % Pags.				4575	11	69
					24735	11	69 [*sic*].
	By Ballance carried forward						
	in Pags. ..	29149	—	—			
	in fans. ..	1154	9	79			
					30303	9	79
	Carried over Pagodas ..				55038	21	68

THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

Dr.					Cr.			
	Brought over Pagodas ..	48151	24	22	Brought over Pagodas ..	55038	21	68
1747 NOVEM: 30TH.	To Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam received of him in full of his last Month's Ballance				1747 NOVEM : 28TH.			
	in Pags. .. .. 8 — —							
	in fans. 2 4 6	10	4	6				
	To Edwd. Croke Warehousekeeper received of him in part of his last Month's Ballance	4000	—	—				
	To Building Materials received of Mr. Alexander Wynch Paymaster the Value of what used by him ..	1668	17	40				
	To Sadashaverow Bound Renter received of him for 3 Months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st July last.	833	12	—				
	To Irshapah Chitty and Persham Chitty Beetle and Tobacco Farmers received of them for 3 Month's Rent due the 1st August last	375	—	—				
	Pagodas	55038	21	68	Pagodas	55038	21	68

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

PER CHARLES FLOYER.

—— *NOVEMBER 1747* ——

4TH. His Majesty's Ship Fuogo anchored in our Road from Vizagapatam.

5TH. His Majesty's Ship Medway sailed out of the Road last night.

8TH. The Ship Dragon Robert Leonard Commander from Bengall anchor'd in the Road.

10TH. The Honble. Company's Sloop Boneta anchored in the Road from Bengall.

12TH. The Honble. Company's Sloop Boneta sailed out of the Road last night.

WEDNESDAY 16TH. AT A CONSULTATION

Present

CHARLES FLOYER ESQR. GOVERNOUR
EDWARD CROKE. WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

Genl. Letters from Bengall. General Letters No. 93, 94, 95 and 96 read the former from the President and Council of Bengall adviseing of having contracted for the Ship Fort St. George's Cargo of Rice, and encloseing Copy of their Contract with the Owners for the same the next from Mr. Banks adviseing of having shewn Coja Mirza his Original Obligations for the Chay Goods, He engaged for, and that He demanded the delivery of the Same, but that He refuses so to do, till He receives his Contract also: likewise that he should observe our Directions relating to the withdrawing Maddapollam Factory so soon as he could accomplish that Affair. Another from Mr. Andrews at Ganjam adviseing of having procured a Vessel for the forwarding to Us the Success's Cargo of Rice agreable to our Directions, but that before he received them He had dispos'd of the number 3, which was very indifferent, but that if He could get it in time He would replace the like Quantity of new Rice. The other from Vizagapatam informing that the Gentlemen at Bengall design sending to them the Houghton in order to take in their Bales, and they have about 350 ready to lade on her whenever She may arrive.

to Maddapolam

to Ganjam

To Vizagapatam.

Genl. Letters to Bombay General Letters No. 80 and 81 read the former to Bombay adviseing of the Behaviour of Becawn Cawn and of the Situation of Affairs with Us; the Latter to Mr. Banks informing him, that We had enquired after the Contract of Coja Mirza's, but could hear of none that was made with him, and directing him not to suffer him to equivocate any longer, but endeavour as much as possible to gett the Goods into his Possession, and that if there should be any thing due to him to pay it without further trouble.

to Maddapollam.

Order to any of the Europe Commanders. Do. to Capt. Edwd Jacob. None of our Honble. Master's Outward bound Ships having been yet heard of, It is imagined they have fallen in either at Galle or Trancomalay, in hopes to meet with the Commodore and his Majesty's squadron; in which case it was thought necessary to forward our Orders to them: the Same were accordingly drawn and forwarded the 3d instant together with an order to Captain Jacob in the Princess Augusta, all which are order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Surgeon's Report read. The Surgeon presents the Board with another Report requesting a further Supply of Cloaths for the use of the Hospital, ORDER'D that the Paymaster set about the same and his Petition to be enter'd hereafter.

Sloop Success drove ashore Order to the Chief Mate of her. Our Honble. Master's Sloop Success having drove on shore on the 4th instant and broke to Pieces, and One European and 4 Lascars drowned, AGREED that an Order be tender'd the Chief Mate, who was the Commanding Officer then on board to deliver an Account in writeing concerning the Circumstances of that Accident: The said Order is enter'd hereafter.

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The Bales of Cotton that came from Bombay by the Warwick, and designed for Bengall having been detained here for the Security of our Terrasses agreable to order of Consultation of the 19th August, and the Package of them being entirely spoiled by being exposed to the weather during the Monsoon, and part of the Cotton being clotted together, As We now think ourselves secure from any Attempts of the Enemy by the Return of the squadron: The Warehousekeeper is order'd forthwith to take them down, and repack what is not damaged, in order to be sent to Bengall by the first Europe Ship bound thither, and that which is damaged to be rebeat, and used as Occasion may require in packing of Bales &ct. Cotton Bales order'd to be repacked.

The Princess Amelia having sailed from Pondicherry on the 13th instant and being supposed to be gone for the Islands, having taken in about twelve hundred Bales of White and Blew Cloth, AGREED that Letters be drawn out to Vizagapatam and Ingeram to advise of the Same. Genl. Letters to Vizagapatam and Ingeram.

The Warehousekeeper pays into Cash the sum of Ten thousand (10000) A. Rups. amounting [to] (2941. 6. 28) Two thousand Nine hundred Forty One Pagodas, Six fanams and Twenty Eight Cash. Warehousekeeper pays money into Cash.

The Paymaster requesting to be advanced the sum of Fifteen hundred (1500) Pagodas for Disbursements, the same was paid him the 9th instant; And He now requesting a further Advance of thirteen hundred (1300) Pagodas for the like Occasion, that sum is also order'd to be paid him. Paymaster advanced.

Atcherrapah &ct. Boatmen from Madrass requireing to be advanced Forty (40) Pagodas, the same was paid them this morning. Boatmen advanc'd.

Linga Chitty pays into the Company's Cash the sum of Two thousand (2000) Pagodas in further part of Broad Cloth sold him. Linga Chitty pays money into Cash.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW: CROKE.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

TO THE COMMANDER OF ANY
OF THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPANY'S SHIPS AT GALLE.

SIR,

In case You are not under Convoy of any of his Majesty's Ships, You are hereby order'd to remain at Galle under the Fort Guns till You receive further Advices, adviseing Charles Floyer Esqr. Govr. of this Place of your being there, what Ships You came out with, and where You left them: This order relates to any number of Ships not under Convoy, belonging to the Company. Return this Letter again sealed to the Person You received it from to serve on the like Occasion. DATED in Fort St. David this 3d. December 1747.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDWARD CROKE.
WILLIAM HOLT.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

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To the Commander of any
of the Company's Ships
at Trancomalay.

Sir,

In case You are not under Convoy of any of his Majesty's Ships, You are hereby order'd to remain at Trancomaly till further Orders, immediately adviseing Charles Floyer Esqr. Govr. of this Place of your being there, what Ships You came out with, and where You left them, In case You find Commodore Griffin there or any of his Majesty's Ships, You are to take that Opportunity and come away with them, otherwise You are to remain there till You receive further Orders from Us. This Order relates to any number of the Company's Ships not under Convoy. Return this Letter sealed to the Person You received it from to serve on the like Occasion. Dated in Fort St. David this 3d December 1747.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

To Captain Edward Jacob
Commander of Ship Princess Augusta.

Sir,

In case this finds You at Galle, and none of his Majesty's Ships in that Port, You are to remain there till You receive further Orders: Upon Your Arrival there send Advice to the Govr. here immediately with any news You have. If any Ships of War are there or the Company's You are then to take the Opportunity of coming away with them. Dated in Fort St. David this 3d. of December 1747.

Charles Floyer.
Edward Croke.
William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.
Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

To the Worshipful Charles Floyer Esqr.
Govr. &ct. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipful Sir and Sirs,

I take the Liberty of offering the annexed List of Necessaries for the use of the Sick and Wounded while in the Hospital to your Worship &ct. Consideration as a Supply that may be wanted for their Service for the ensuing Year. I am

Fort St. David
10th December 1747.

Worshipful Sir and Sirs
Your most humble servant
William Belsches.

Shirts	..	..	200
Drawers	..	..	200
Quilts	..	..	50
Caps	..	..	60
Gowns	..	..	50
Pillows	..	..	50
Pillow cases	..	..	100
Cotts	..	..	60

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To Mr. Thomas Taylor.

Sir,

The Honble. Company's Sloop Success having drove on shore on the 4th instant, and You being the Commanding Officer then on board, You are hereby desired to deliver in an Account in writeing to the Govr. and Council of the Cause of that Accident, that so they may be able to judge of your Proceeding therein. Dated in Fort St. David this 7th day of December 1747.

Signed by order of the Govr. and Council.

Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*
Secretary.

The Ship Essex Capt. David Robertson from Bengall anchor'd in our Road. 18th.

The Honble. Company's Snow George, Thomas Wadham Commander from England and last from Anjengo anchor'd in our Road. 30th.

The Ship Dragon Capt. Robt. Leonard sail'd out of the Road. 31st.

At a Consultation Thursday 31st.

Present

Charles Floyer Esqr. Governour.

Edward Croke.	William Holt.
Alexander Wynch.	Thomas Cooke, *Junr.*

General Letter No. 97 from Anjengo adviseing of the Arrival of the Illchester at their place and that they were in hopes to dispatch her in a few days. Genl. Letter from Anjengo.

General Letters No. 98 and 102 read both from Surat, adviseing of having forwarded to Us by Bills on Arcot the sum of One hundred thousand (100000) Rupees, agreable to the Directions of the President and Council of Bombay, and enclosing Duplicate thereof. Genl. Letters from Suratt.

General Letter No. 99 from Mr. Saunders at Ingeram adviseing of having accomplish'd his Investment, and that He has reduced the Prices Two Pagodas the Corge on Long Cloth Ordinary, and One Pagoda the Corge on Salampores Ordinary not doubting if Necessity should require it, We shall grant the same another time. General Letter from Ingeram.

General Letter No. 101 from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam read, inclosing Duplicates of their last. Genl. Letter from Vizagapatam.

A General to Ganjam as Enter'd No. 84, Read acquainting that We are sensible of the inconveniency that has attended the Investment for the past Year from the want of Money, and hoping that He would now be supply'd very shortly with what We designed him by the Jenny, from the Gentlemen at Bengall, and directing him to forward his last Year's Books by the first Opportunity. Do. to Ganjam.

Edward Croke Warehousekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him, Seventeen thousand Forty Two Pagodas, Twelve fanams, and Seventy Six Cash (17042.12.76) the Greatest Part whereof being for Account Presents to Nauzir Jong the whole is carried forward. Warehousekeeper's Account read.

The Accomptant produces the Journal Parcels for October. Journal Parcels produced.

William Holt Sea and Land Customer of Cuddalore reads that Account for last month, Ballance due from him on the former Two hundred and Ninety Seven [Pagodas], Twenty One fanams and seventy four Cash (297.21.74) and on the latter Seventy Six Pagodas, thirty two fanams, and Fourteen Cash (76.32.14) which He now pays in. Cuddalore Customer reads those Accounts.

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Paymaster reads his Account.

Alexander Wynch Paymaster reads that Account for last Month, Vizt.

Charges Garrison	4111	11	67
Charges Hospital	48	17	56
Peons and Servants Wages	4167	27	15
Charges General	219	4	9
Charges Extraordinary	2689	22	71
Fortifications and Repairs	2465	1	17
New Horn Work	2486	12	57
Fascine Battery under the S. W. Bastion	352	6	30
Fascine Battery on the Plain	737	11	61
Shoemaker's Point Fascine Battery	508	13	40
Charges Cattle	50	—	—
Charges Diet	356	—	—
Pags.	18191	21	23

Extraordinary Expence.

Ballance due to him Eight hundred Fifteen Pagodas, Six fanams Seventy Two Cash (815.6.72) which He carrys forward, and the Particulars of the Extraordinary Expence order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Paymaster advanced.

He requesting to be advanced Ten thousand Three hundred (10300) Pagodas to defray Charges Garrison and Buildings, the same is accordingly paid him, likewise Four thousand Five hundred Eighty Seven Pagodas, three fanams and Twenty Eight Cash (4587.3.28) being for the Payment of the Bombay and Bengall Military and new Peons.

Storekeeper's Account read. Do. advanced.

Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper reads that Account for last Month, Ballance due from him, Ninety Six Pagodas, Twenty Fanams and Twenty One Cash (96. 20. 21) which He carrys forward, And requesting to be advanced One Thousand (1000) Pagodas for Disbursements, that sum is now paid him.

Tevenapatam Customer reads his Account.

Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam reads that Account for last month Ballance due from him Six Pagodas One fanam and Twenty two Cash (6. 1. 22) which He now pays in.

Chief Mate of Sloop Success delivers in an Account of the Loss of that vessel.

Thomas Taylor the Chief Mate of the Sloop Success having been order'd to deliver in an Account of the Loss of that Vessel, the same is now read, and order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Warehousekeeper's Report read.

Mr. Edward Croke delivers in a Report regarding the Cotton Bales, he was order'd to repack for to send to the Bay on the first Europe ship, and representing that the same will require some time to perform, ORDERED that the said Report be enter'd hereafter.

Mr. Alex. Wynch pays in money for a Bill of Exchange on Bombay.

Mr. Alexander Wynch requesting to pay into Cash the Sum of Seven hundred and Eighteen Rupees One Quarter and Twenty Six Reas (718.1.26) for a Bill of Exchange on Bombay Presidency in favour of Capt. Wm. Gibbs, the Same is received and Bills drawn out accordingly.

Linga Chitty pays money into Cash.

Linga Chitty pays into Cash the Sum of Sixteen hundred, Sixty Five (1665) Pagodas, being in further Part for Broad Cloth sold him.

Warehousekeeper pays in his Ballance.

The Warehousekeeper pays into Cash the Sum of Seven thousand (7000) Pagodas, being in part of his Ballance.

Pakala Rownapa advanced for Redwood

Pakala Rownapa requesting a further advance of Twenty (20) Pagodas for the Provision of Redwood, the same was paid him the 23d. instant.

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Charles Floyer Mint Master reads that Account for last Month Ballance due from him Eighty seven (87) Madras Pagodas, and Fifty two Current Pagodas, Twenty four fanams, and Twenty Cash (52.24.20) which He carries to this Month. Mint Account read.

The Governor reads the Cash Account for this Month, Ballance whereof compared with the Chest is in Pagodas, Rupees, Fanams and Cash, Twenty five thousand, Nine hundred and Ten Pagodas, fifteen fanams and Nineteen Cash (25910. 15. 19) which is carried forward and the Account enter'd hereafter. Cash Account read.

CHARLES FLOYER.
EDW. CROKE.
WILLM. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOMAS COOKE, *Junr.*

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES, in the Paymaster's Account for November 1747, are in the following Particulars.

Peons and Servants Wages			
Sepoys under Mahomed Cawn their whole Pay this month	153	9	63
Charges General			
New fitting up the State Palankeen	90	5	60
Charges Extraordinary as Per Account	2689	22	71
Fortifications and Repairs	2465	1	17
New Horn Work	2486	12	57
Fascine Battery under the S. W. Bastion	352	6	30
Fascine Battery on the Plain	737	11	61
Shoemaker's Point Fascine Battery	508	13	40
Pags.	9482	11	79

TO THE WORSHIPFUL CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVERNOR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORTHY SIR AND SIRS,

Agreable to an Order received I now deliver an Account of the Loss of the Honble. Company's Sloop Success which is as follows;

On Sunday the 4th of December 1747 We had fresh Gales of Wind Northerly, with very hard squalls and a large Sea setting from the Eastward, the Sloop being mored with an Anchor to the Eastward, and a Grapnoll to the Westward: at 2 o' Clock in the Afternoon We brought the Grapnoll home, at ½ past We let go another Anchor to prevent the Sloop driveing further in shore, if the Wind should come from the Eastward, by Reason the Surf broke but just within Us all day, notwithstanding We lay in 6½ fathom Water, about 4 o'Clock the Surf broke upon Us, the force of which caused Us to part from the Anchor We lett go in the Afternoon, between 6 and 7 o'Clock the Wind coming from the Eastward, caused the Sloop to tend in and made Us ride more in the Surf, however the Sloop did not mind it her head being to it. The People all came to Me desireing I would cutt the Cable and run the Sloop on shore, telling Me that if We should ship One of the Seas, it certainly would sink Us, but the Sloop being lively (as her head was to it), and making no water I did not think there was so much Danger as they imagined; a little past 7 o'Clock the wind not being strong enough for the Current (as there was a very strong Current setting to the Southward) to keep her head to it, in tending and being in the trough of the Sea, We shipped a Surf, the force of which almost at once oversett the Sloop, It layd the Larboard Gunnell under water but She righted so much that the Chains were only in the water,I wanted the Lascars to go down and trim the Ballast &ct. that was shifted in the Hold, but could not gett any of them to go, so shipping another made her crack in such a manner as I take it tore her Side from her Deck, at which time I found a great deal of Water in her, and seing

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it was impossible to do any thing with the People (for they would not so much as put their hands to the Pump to endeavour to free her of what water was in her) so I order'd the Cables might be cutt, which the Syrang did directly, and hoisted the foresail to make her go in what We could, I took the Helm in my hand and put it hard over to Port, for the Larboard side was the Weather Side, but the Surf came with such Force against the Rudder, that caused the Tiller to break in the Rudder head, about ten minutes after She was all under water. I hope these Circumstances are sufficient to plead my Justification.

I am

FORT ST. DAVID
17TH DECEMBER 1747.

WORTHY SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
THOMAS TAYLOR.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVERNOR &CT. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND SIRS,

I take the Liberty to represent to your Worship &ct. that agreable to an order in Consultation of the 16th I have open'd some of the 440 Bales of Cotton recieved from the Ship Warwick, and find them extreamly damaged, having had such heavy Rains this Monsoon, that notwithstanding We frequently renewed the Packing, yet I find One third, and in some half, and in others two thirds entirely spoiled, and as We have had some heavy Rains since this Order, I find the middle of the Bales yett damp, therefore it will take up a Considerable Time, in drying and separating the Good from the Bad, and as I am required to have the good from the 440 Bales repacked in readiness to send to Bengall upon the first Europe Ship, which may be very speedily, is the Reason I acquaint the Board, that as I said before, Separating and drying Cotton so much damaged and damp Time must be allowed for it, and as We have no Godowns empty in the Fort, nor on this side the River, the Bales that are yet unopen'd upon the Works, if Rain should fall, will be liable to be wett, and detain Us longer, however I shall use what Expedition I can, and am with Respect,

FORT ST. DAVID
DECEMBER 23D. 1747.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
EDWARD CROKE.

Dr. The Honourable Company's Cash. Cr.

1747 December						1747 December					
1st.	To Ballance from last month,					9th.	By Alexr. Wynch Paymaster advanced for Disbursements				
	in Pags.	29149	—	—			in Pags.	1000	—	—	
	in fans.	1154	9	79			in fans.	500	—	—	
					30303	9	79				1500	—	—
9th.	To Edward Croke Warehousekeeper received of him A. Rups. 10000 @ 340 Per % Pags.				2941	6	28	16th.	By Atcherrapah &ct. Madras Boatmen advanced them					40	—	—
	To Profitt and Loss gain'd by Exchange of P. 600 into fans. @ 39. 10 Per %				52	3	—	21st.	By Alexr. Wynch Paymaster advanced for Disbursements				
16th.	To Linga Chitty received in further part for Broad Cloth sold				2000	—	—		in Pags.	1000	—	—	
4th.	To Account Current Bombay received of Mr. A. Wynch for a Bill of Exchange in favour of Capt. Wm. Gibbs or Order, A. Rups. 718. 1. 26 at 340 Per % Pagodas				211	9	70		in fans.	300	—	—		1300	—	—
29t	To Profitt and Loss gain'd by Exchange of Pags. 1000 into fans. @ 39. 60				104	6	—	23d.	By Pakala Rownapa advanced him to provide Redwood					20	—	—
	To Linga Chitty received of him in further part for Broad Cloth sold him, Madras Pags. 1500 at 11 Per Cent				1165	—	—	31st.	By Alexander Wynch Paymaster advanced him for Charges Garrison and Buildings				
31st.	To Wm. Holt Sea Customer of Cuddalore received of him in part of his Ballance for last month								in Pags.	9000	—	—				
	in Pags.	277	—	—					in fans.	1300	—	—				
	in fans.	20	21	74										10300	—	—
					297	21	74		By Do. Do. advanced him to pay Bombay and Bengall Military and new Peons, Arct. Rups. 15595¼. 9 fans. 14 Cash @ 340 Per % Pags.					4587	3	28
									By Thomas Cooke Junr. Storekeeper advanced for Disbursements ..					1000	—	—
	Carried over Pagodas ..				37074	20	64		Carried over Pagodas ..					18747	3	28

Dr. THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.* Cr.

1747 DECEMBER 31ST.	Brought over Pagodas		37074	20	64	Brought over Pagodas	18747	3	28
	To Wm. Holt Land Customer of Cuddalore received of him in full of his Ballance for last month					1747 DECEMBER 31ST. By Ballance carried forward			
	in Pags.	26 — —				in Pags.	25022 — —		
	in fans.	50 32 14				in fans.	888 15 19		
			76	32	14		25910	15	19
	To Thomas Cooke Junr. Sea and Land Customer of Tevenapatam received of him in full of his Ballance for last month, in fans.		6	1	22				
	To Edwd. Croke Warehousekeeper received of him in part of his last month's Ballance		7000	—	—				
	Pagodas		44657	18	47	Pagodas	44657	18	47

ERRORS EXCEPTED

PER CHARLES FLOYER.

LIST OF THE HONBLE. COMPANY'S COVENANTED SERVANTS AT FORT ST. DAVID.

NAMES	ARRIVAL.	STATION THEN	SALARY THEN	ARRIVAL HERE	PRESENT STATION	PRESENT EMPLOYMENT	PRESENT SALARY
Charles Floyer Esqr. ..	28th May 1730.	Writer ..	£ 5 Per Annum ..	27 July 1734.	Senr. Merchant.	Governour ..	£100 Per Annum
Edward Croke	18 Janry. 1709.	ditto ..	£ 5 ditto ..	19 Augt. 1727.	Second in Council.	Wareh°.kr. and Accomptant.	– 50 . ditto
William Holt	18 Augt. 1740.	Factor ..	£15 ditto ..	16 Octbr. 1741.	Third in ditto.	Cuddalore Customer.	– 30 . ditto
Alexander Wynch ..	15 Augt. 1740.	Writer Entertained.	£ 5 ditto ..	22 Augt. 1741.	Fourth in ditto.	Paymaster ..	– 15 . ditto
Thomas Cooke Junr. ..	15 Augt. 1740.	ditto do.	£ 5 ditto ..	here when entertained.	Fifth in ditto.	Storekeeper and Tevenapatam Custor.	– 15 . ditto
John Smith	18 Augt. 1740.	Writer ..	£ 5 ditto ..	10 Decemr. 1742.	Factor ..	Steward	– 15 . ditto
Charles Nicholls ..	15 Septbr. 1741.	ditto ..	£ 5 ditto ..	27 March 1742.	Factor ..	Resident at Negapatam.	– 15 . ditto
Charles Bourchier ..	30 Decemr. 1741.	ditto ..	£ 5 ditto ..	30 Decem. 1747.	Factor ..	Secretary ..	– 15 . ditto
Henry Cope	20 June 1743.	ditto ..	£ 5 ditto ..	13 Janry. 1743/4.	Writer ..	Resident at Porto Novo.	– 5 . ditto
Alexander Baird ..	24 July 1745.	ditto ..	£ 5 ditto ..	9th Augt. 1745.	ditto ..	ditto at Pullicat ..	– 5 . ditto
Richard Turner ..	5 Novem. 1746.	ditto ..	£ 5 ditto ..	22 Febry. 1747.	ditto ..	under the Secretary.	– 5 . ditto
Henry Vansittart ..	5 Novem. 1746.	ditto ..	£ 5 ditto ..	22 Febry. 1747.	ditto ..	under ditto ..	– 5 . ditto
John Duncombe ..	5 Novem. 1746.	ditto ..	£ 5 ditto ..	22 Febry. 1747.	ditto ..	under the Accomptant.	– 5 . ditto
William Reade	6 June 1747.	ditto ..	£ 5 ditto ..	1st Augt. 1747.	ditto ..	under the Secretary.	– 5 . ditto
Sidney Foxall	7 Augt. 1736.	Factor ..	£15 ditto ..	6th Febry 1746/7.	Senr. Merchant.	Assay Master ..	–120 . ditto

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THOMAS COOKE,
Junr. Secry.

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